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U.S. WITHDRAWS ARMY ADVISERS FROM CHINA

Reds' Demands May Have Closed The Door To Peace

Shanghai, Jan. 26.—The United States today officially terminated its programme of military training on behalf of Nationalist China and at the same time the Communists demanded the arrests of Nationalist "war criminals," including Chiang Kai-shek.

At Kiangwan airport here, the United States Ambassador, Dr. J. Leighton Stuart, bade farewell to the head of the United States Army Advisory Group and chief of the group's Air Division.

Major General David Barr, head of the group which failed to revitalise Nationalist China's fighting forces in three-year efforts, and Brig.-General Charles E. Thomas of the Air Force, will leave tomorrow for the United States.

The ending of American military guidance and of the training of Nationalist armies, air force and navy, removed a stumbling block for peace talks between the Nationalists and Communist China. The Reds had charged that Americans were fighting as part of Chiang's war effort.

The Headquarters of the United States West Pacific Fleet under Vice-Admiral Oscar E. Badger, remains at Tsingtao though the training of the Chinese Navy has ended. The Navy has 675 Marine officers and men aboard the transport, Bayfield, in Shanghai for emergency duty in protecting American lives if necessary.

IS DOOR CLOSED?

Official reaction to the Red radio demand that Acting President Li Tsung-jen and all other "war criminals" to prove his desire for peace was that the broadcast represents the Communist leader Mao Tse-tung's final attitude, the demand has "closed the door to peace."

Acting President Li sat in on a Cabinet meeting and planned to reply immediately to the Communists. It was understood that he would demand to know if the Reds were sincere in wanting peace and if the broadcast was "official."

As the Cabinet met, military quarters said that Communist Army scouts of 100 strong sought to cross the Yangtze 32 miles northeast of Nanking in junks, but were driven back.

Peiping dispatches said that Marshal Yen Hsi-shan is negotiating with the Communists to obtain peace for besieged Taiyuan. Preparations for giving up the few remaining Nationalist positions in North China, seemed to be well under way.

A Communist spokesman quoted foreign news dispatches on the movement of 150,000 to 200,000 of Chiang's own troops to the southeastern provinces of Chekiang, Kiangsi and Fukien, and said that the "Nanking reactionary government hopes to get three months to reorganise 20 or more divisions to prepare to fight the Communists again."

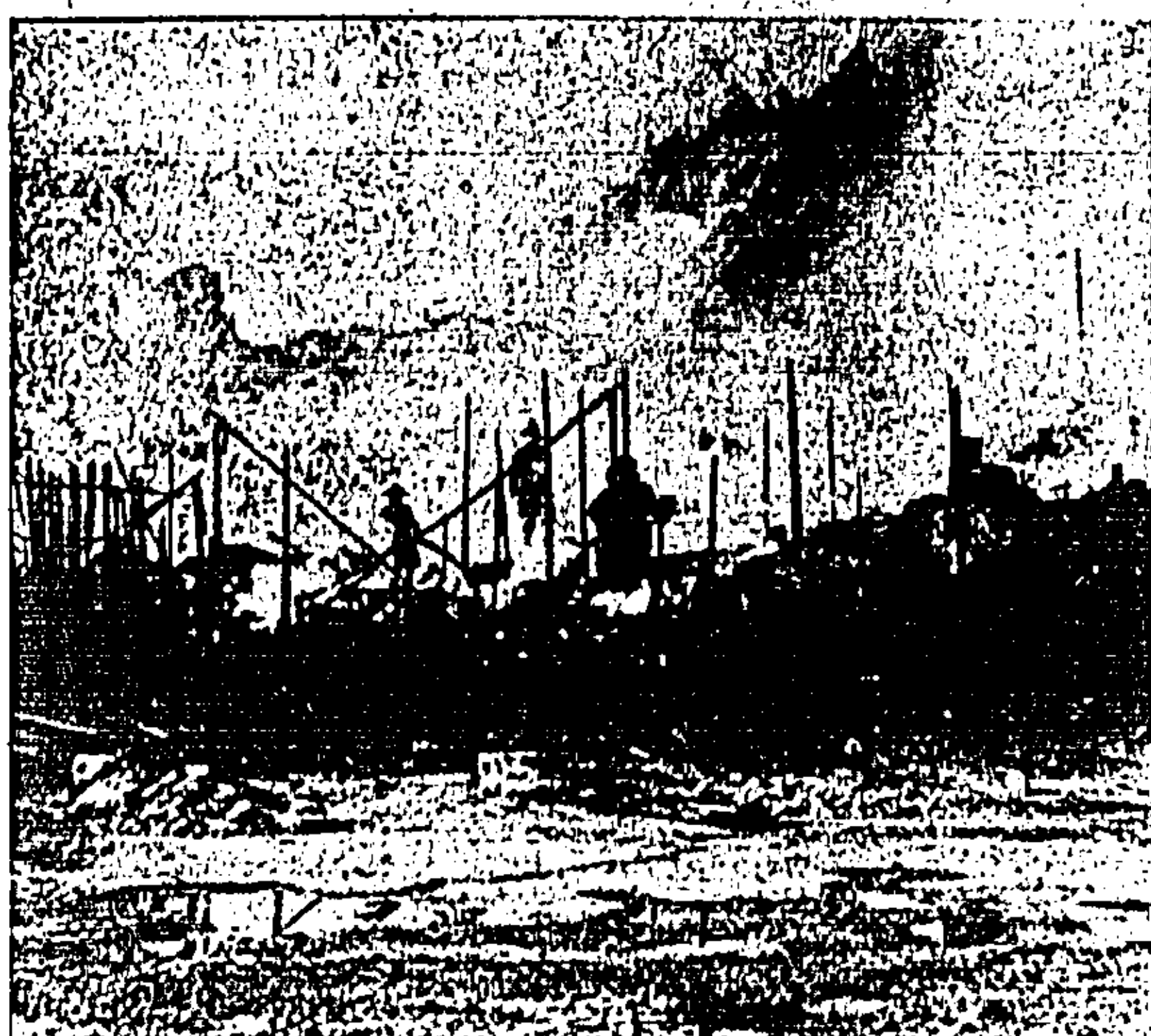
SECRET ORDER

The spokesman claimed that a secret order to this effect was issued by "war criminal" General Ku Chu-tung, chief of the Nationalist General Staff.

Meanwhile, the Chinese Red radio accused the Nanking government of deliberately misrepresenting the meaning of Mao Tse-tung's eight conditions for peace in order to win sympathy among democratic groups in Kuomintang China.

A European diplomat said the strategy of the broadcast was to "bring the Nationalists to a peace conference as beggars holding some military but no political status." The Nationalists were reported to be balking at outright surrender to the Communists and even before the Red broadcast, some wanted to call off the peace talks altogether. (Continued on Page 5)

KOWLOON BLAZE



Firemen play on the burning ruins of squatters huts which caught on fire and were destroyed in the Cosmopolitan Dock area this morning. Picture by Staff Photographer.

Fire Destroys 250 Squatters' Huts

1,000 PEOPLE MADE HOMELESS

About one thousand Chinese have been rendered homeless as the result of a fire in the Taikoktsui area this morning which razed 250 squatters' huts. There were no casualties.

The area is at the back of the Cosmopolitan Dock and in close proximity to the APC oil installation in which direction the wind was blowing at the time.

Spread out among the huts were also several small factories for the production of blown-glass, briquets, joss-sticks and so on. These were, in addition, tin-smiths and nearby where the conflagration began was a coffin-maker's shop.

The fire broke out about 8.15 and the flames soon took a strong hold and the area became a raging inferno. The inhabitants were able to escape and they carried as many of their belongings as they could to safety on the roadsides.

QUICKLY CONTROLLED

Shortly after the initial outbreak, the fire-fighting squad of the Cosmopolitan Dock, under the manager, Mr. R. L. Barkus, assisted by a number of workmen, took effective measures to prevent the flames from spreading into the dockyard.

Appliances from the Kowloon Fire Station and the Terminus Station, under Divisional Officer H. Tipple, and Station Officer P. Cairns, and Police from Mongkoktsui Station, under Insp. H. Danbrowsky, were rushed to the scene. The fire was under control within about half-an-hour.

Mr. K. A. Bidmead, Commanding Officer (Kowloon), Mr. E. C. Lusk, D.S.P., Inspectors K. McLeod and W. J. Wall were also on the scene.

When asked if there were any casualties a high-ranking Police officer said that as far as they could see they had only found a small cat whose coat had been singed.

The origin of the blaze could not be ascertained. The same area, described by Police as "a den of iniquity," housing opium dens, was the scene of a fire last summer when all the huts were razed.

Robbers Hold Up KCR Express

An armed band numbering between 40 and 50 last evening halted the Kowloon-Canton express north of Kowloon, between Shekling and Canton City, and robbed the passengers of money and valuables totalling over \$100,000.

The train, which left Kowloon station at 3.30 p.m., was held up by the robbers about 6 p.m. and came to a standstill after several shots were fired. Train guards resisted the attack but were outnumbered. It is reported that one of the guards, who was injured, died in Canton last night. Two passengers were slightly injured. The train arrived in Canton about 9 p.m.

Karens Start Massacre

Rangoon, Jan. 26.—An official statement said on Wednesday that armed Karens have started wholesale slaughter of Burmese villagers in the Irrawaddy delta area.

It said chaotic conditions prevail in the township of Pantanaw, where terror-stricken Burmese were fleeing from burning villages.

A Government spokesman said Burmese were retreating in some Karen areas by burning down Karen villages. The situation was reported to be out of control in the Mawlaik area, where the Government said Karens continue a campaign of extinction against Burmese hamlets.

Rebel forces damaged the sluice gates of the Hlawga Dam but the damage was repaired, the spokesman said.

The Karens seek independence from Burma.—Associated Press.

Malay Troops Riot

Singapore, Jan. 26.—About 100 Malay troops rioted tonight in the Alexander Barracks area, Singapore, and burned down four Indian houses.

Several firemen, including one European, were taken to hospital. The trouble began after a quarrel between Malays and Indians over a Malay woman, reports said but no further details were immediately available.—Reuter.

Mr. Bevin Defends Palestine Policy DE FACTO RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL POSTPONED

Foreign Secretary Stresses Intricacy Of Problem

London, Jan. 26.—The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, told the House of Commons today he would not announce the de facto recognition of Israel by Britain until he had replies from the Commonwealth countries and the Brussels Treaty countries. He added: "I am assuming these replies will be in the next few days when a final act can be taken."

This was the first official indication that Britain had consulted the Brussels Pact powers on recognition as well as the Commonwealth countries.

Mr. Bevin said that other countries had not recognised the State of Israel, but had "recognised the Government of Israel, leaving the matter, as the French did, without prejudice to the frontiers and the rest."

Mr. Bevin said Britain was in close consultation with those Commonwealth Governments which had not yet recognised Israel about de facto recognition. "If we had recognised it at any time up till now our action would have been misunderstood over a very wide area within the Commonwealth."

Some Labour Members laughed and turning round on them, the Foreign Secretary said: "The Commonwealth does not consist only of Australia, New Zealand, Canada and South Africa. There are three other States. Have you heard of India? India happens to be part of the Commonwealth. So do Ceylon and Pakistan. They are important factors."

Some of the Commonwealth Governments which had not recognised Israel, had very strong views on the matter, he said.

Mr. Bevin declared that if fighting had broken out again in Palestine it would be very difficult for Britain "to stand by indifferent and inactive."

The Palestine area, he said, "has tremendous importance, not only to the safety of the territory both east and west, but to the safety and defence of Western Europe itself. We saw the danger and we reacted quickly, and I must ask for the support of the whole House and the nation that if this area is endangered we will always react quickly."

Mr. Bevin said it would be "very unwise to ignore" the position which Pakistan will occupy in future in the politics and development of the Middle East.

That area, he said, "includes Afghanistan and now stretches to Pakistan, which has emerged to full independence as a great Moslem power. Pakistan takes a vital interest in what is happening in the Middle East."

THE ASIAN CONFERENCE
Mr. Bevin added: "It would be very unwise also for this country to ignore the phenomenon of the Asian conference in Delhi. We believe we can maintain friendly association with the peoples of Asia, but we must recognise that Asia, as represented at the Delhi conference, ranged from Burma to Turkey and Egypt, and that this was a calling together of countries for the first time which, I believe, will play a very big part as a cohesive power in the years to come, both in the United Nations and elsewhere."

Calling on all Members of Parliament to "pause and reflect on the significance of these new developments," the Foreign Secretary declared: "Our vital interests run through the whole of that area. There is also keen interest about Palestine among the many millions of Arabs in North Africa. The problem closely affects France, our partner in the Western Union, who shares our special concern for the future of Jerusalem and the holy places." The Foreign Secretary said Britain had interests, obligations and

responsibilities in maintaining the security and stability in the Middle East.

"It is the deliberate purpose of our policy to be faithful to these obligations and to that purpose."

STEADY SUPPORT

"We have steadily supported all the resolutions of the Security Council as regards both sides in the Palestine dispute. From that policy the British Government are not going to be deterred an inch."

"I am sure we shall have the support of all those with experience of these problems and with knowledge of what is at stake in the Middle East in carrying out this purpose."

Full report of Mr Winston Churchill's scathing criticism of Mr Bevin's Palestine policy will be found on Page 8.

"From 1919 to 1945, there has been within successive United Kingdom Governments a conflict of policy and as far as I can trace it there was never unanimity about how to deal with the problems of the Middle East and especially with Palestine."

"It seems to me that during all that period this country has been trying to ride two very difficult horses at once and we have always been balanced ourselves only with very great difficulty."

"Speeches have been made in all parties pledging support to one or other solution of the Palestine problem, now to the Jews and now to the Arabs."

INCOMPATIBLE PROPOSALS
Most of the proposals were incompatible with our obligations under the mandate, and were not realisable in practice.

"I have always been willing to take note and consider any constructive proposals put forward in this House or elsewhere in trying to grapple with this problem, but I have been confronted with attacks, untruths, half truths and abuse, reflecting not only on me personally but on the British people who have

done so much for the Middle East and for Palestine."

"For a long time, the United States and ourselves have seen eye to eye on the basic Middle East policy of increasing the economic wellbeing and a sense of security in the Middle East."

"The fact that we have from time to time differed on the best means of achieving peace and a lasting settlement in Palestine in no way affects our basic aims."

"There has been the danger that the Middle East might become a second Balkan area torn by internal dissensions and the scene of international rivalry."

"We, for our part, are determined to do all in our power to prevent this happening and in this endeavour we work in close co-operation with the United States."

POOL OF CONSULTANTS

Welcoming President Truman's inauguration statement with regard to assisting other countries in their economic and social development, Mr. Bevin recalled what had been done by the Government in the economic field since 1945, and said he had consulted Mr. George Marshall personally.

"I felt," he said, "that we ought to create a pool of consultants and that we ought to try to join together in the development of the area and seek United States aid."

"I am hoping with President Truman's recent declaration that there will be further progress with United States encouragement and help not only in this area but in many other projects of development in which we shall be mutually interested."

"The Middle East is buttressed on the north by Turkey and Greece. The aid and support which the United States and we have been able to give Turkey and Greece have been an important contribution to the stability and security of the whole area."

"The United States have also shown their interest in the maintenance of stable conditions in Persia. We have very great interests in Persia and with the full encouragement of the British Government, the Anglo-Iranian Company (Continued on Page 5)

EDITORIAL

The Warning To Russia

MR Gammans offered to the Hongkong Rotary Club this week a conception of Soviet policy and intentions which, in the light of events during the past two years, is being shared more and more by students of international affairs. Every Kremlin-directed action since the war has been in line with a policy of geographical, political and economic expansionism. International Communism is on the march, a threat not only to established democratic institutions, but a menace to those parts of the world, as yet politically, socially and economically under-developed. There will be few who will quarrel with Mr. Gammans' diagnosis or with his contention that it is necessary to deal promptly and effectively with the threat of Communist world domination. Yet it may be claimed that the show-down which our distinguished visitor declares must come about is already in process. In language stronger than any ambassadorial notes or Security Council speeches, the Marshall Plan, Western Union, North Atlantic defence alliance and the stepping up of production for defence in the United States give notice to the Soviet Union that the democracies are prepared to resist any future Russian belligerency. All the signs today are that the Western Powers are fully conscious of the gravity of the cold war, and there is no justification for the suggestion that the United States and her friends intend to follow a policy of weak-kneed appease-

ment. In this respect British foreign policy adopted by the present government is consistent with the demands of the day and invites the confidence of the British peoples as well as their allies. Moreover, as it was recently indicated in the House of Commons, determination to resist aggression, from whatever quarters, includes within its geographic boundaries the colony of Hongkong. And to us here that pronouncement was of supreme importance, for, while it may appear to the visitor that Hongkong is relatively indifferent to the political developments in China, they are, in fact, occupying a good deal of anxious attention. The idea of hostile forces along the Colony's frontiers makes no more appeal today than it did in 1941, and remembering how then, Hongkong was left to defend itself with hopelessly inadequate forces, the assurance from British ministers as well as from opposition M.P.s such as Mr. Gammans that next time the Colony is to be defended at all costs promotes a feeling of confidence not hitherto experienced. The implications of a Communist-controlled China cannot be missed in this part of the world, while it is true there is a general hope that the Chinese Communists will not turn out to be Soviet counterparts, this is not being allowed to develop into a condition of complacency. Hongkong is watchful, willing to be friendly with all who choose, but ready, with the aid of the Mother country, to defend herself against any who would infringe her sovereignty.

Working Out Details Of Mr Truman's World Co-op Plan

Washington, Jan. 26.—The State Department is already working out details of President Truman's plan for a "World Co-op" to aid backward nations, Congressional sources said today.

The informants said the President has instructed the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, to draw up plans of action for the "bold new programme" he outlined in his inaugural address.

Apparently anticipating the President's move, Mr. Acheson had earlier put a group of Socialists to work on the project, it was said. Under President Truman's plan

United States industrial know-how and risk capital would be used to the living standards of free peoples everywhere.

Mr. Acheson will be questioned closely at his news conference today about his own ideas for putting the President's plan into operation. At his first meeting with the press since taking office he will also be asked for his views on East-West relations, the China crisis, Russia's new "Marshall Plan" and the North Atlantic security pact.

Congressional sources expect Mr. Acheson will set up a co-operative staff to bring the other government agencies into the "World Co-op" plan. They believe State Department jurisdiction of the huge pro-

ject is virtual assurance that the United Nations will be brought into the effort.

While maintaining strict silence on the programme, State Department officials welcomed the prompt support accorded it yesterday by the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin. One diplomat, pointing to Mr. Bevin's early support of the Marshall Plan, thought it was a "good omen" that the British foreign policy chief had approved so promptly again.

There is general belief in administration and Congressional quarters that Congress might be asked to appropriate \$51,000,000 to run the "World Co-op" in its initial stages. Informants

familiar with present thinking feel the project will measure into "tens of billions" of dollars.

Mr. W. Averell Harriman, roving ambassador for the European Recovery Programme, said after his talk with the President yesterday that much of the new project could be merged with the Marshall Plan without new legislation.

Diplomats thought they saw in President Truman's proposal a new way to fight Communism in areas where Soviet promises had taken deep root because of the American emphasis on recovery in Western Europe.

Officials said the broader approach of offering help for others may mark a significant turn in the East-West struggle.—United Press.



After fluffing on powder with a puff, Movie Star Janis Carter blends it with her fingertips.

By HELEN FOLLETT

WITH the cost of living as what it is, the average woman has to keep a keen eye on the beauty budget. She can't afford to be wasteful. Many women buy toiletries that stand on the shelves of the bathroom cabinet, and are soon forgotten. Or they purchase more items than their purse can hold. It is well to know what to select and how to conserve fragrant cosmetics.

Two creams are desirable for the average complexion, one a fairly light emollient to be used for the purpose of removing makeup or to solace a skin that is dry and chapped; a heavier one for massage at night after the face has been washed with a bland soap. The heavier consistency offers resistance to the fingers, so that manipulations go deeper into the flesh to tone the underlying fibres and to coax the blood streams to get into a livelier state of action.

No need for using creams lavishly. After all, it is the friction that does the most good, removing dead scales, helping the skin surface to keep smooth and of fine texture.

Most women are powder-wasters. They fluff it on generously, remove most of it. Which seems pretty senseless to this preacher of pulchritude. Use a little, then add as necessary.

Perfumes were never as expensive as they are now. If you have fared forth in a reckless mood, spent a considerable sum for a favourite scented soap, do not let it stand on your dressing table because the bottle is quaint and pretty. Put it away in a dark cabinet. Warmth and light will cause perfume to evaporate. Keep it tightly stoppered.

On one cosmetic, do not economize, and that is the hand lotion. Use it freely. If you belong to the grand army of housewives, have a bottle in the kitchen, one in every bathroom, apply the contents at least twice a day. With your mitts in and out of water frequently, they are robbed of the natural oil that keeps them smooth.

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It will only make a ripple in life of this mother

By FREDERICK COOK



YOUNG MRS. AGAR Shirley Temple to you. All I want is to play character roles, and go on making pictures for the rest of my life.

NEW YORK. Most young women who knew for certain that within the next three months they would be going to get a birthday present of between £800,000 and £1,000,000 might be forgiven for being a little excited about it.

But April 23 this year, her 21st birthday, will make no more than a temporary ripple in the life of Mrs. John Agar, of Hollywood.

The routine that morning will be the same as on every other morning: first, bathe the baby and dress her; then put her in the pram and take her for a walk in the high-walled garden—the only gateway of which is a precaution against kidnappers, is guarded by an intricate electrical mechanism.

Full-time Job

Young Mrs. Agar—better known to filmgoers as Shirley Temple—is one of the few child stars who will get dollars instead of disillusionment for her birthday gift.

That, perhaps, is due to the fact that her father is a banker, and years ago when he saw how the money was pouring in he gave up his banking and devoted all his time to managing his little girl's estate.

Shirley today, is a person of consequence in her own right. In America's Who's Who she rates six lines, more than Mr. Truman by five lines.

Yet she has not allowed fame or wealth to spoil her.

Pros And Cons Of Rice Diet

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

RECENTLY I have received many letters from people who want to know just what can be expected from the rice diet in cases of high blood pressure.

Like every other treatment for high blood pressure, this one has both advantages and disadvantages. Its chief value seems to lie in the fact that it is low in salt, and recent studies show, that a low intake of salt may be quite helpful in many cases of high blood pressure.

Of course, it goes without saying that if the cause of high blood pressure can be determined, treatment should be directed towards the condition which is keeping the pressure up. But, in many instances, no definite reason for it can be found. It is in these cases that the low salt diet should be tried.

In no instance, however, should such dieting be attempted without the direction of a physician, because lowering the salt content of the body may produce such symptoms as weakness, sickness at the stomach and muscle cramps, before a fall in the blood pressure occurs.

Kidney Disease

In patients with severe kidney disease and hardened arteries, the low salt diet may be a factor in bringing on uremia, a condition in which waste products are retained in the body. It has also been found that the low salt diet must be followed for a period of weeks before its effect on the blood pressure can be determined. With this in mind, you can see how necessary it is for the amount of urea in the blood to be checked at regular intervals. Only a physician can do this.

To increase the loss of salt from the body, certain preparations containing mercury may be given by injection. When the mercurials are used, the patient may be given a more liberal diet. The mercurial preparations are given by injection about twice a week under your physician's guidance.

In most cases, the patient with high blood pressure and a normal amount of urea in the blood may

use the low salt diet together with the mercury for a period of three weeks at least, or until the desired effect of lowering the blood pressure occurs. If a drop in the blood pressure does not result in this period of time, it is not likely that a low salt diet will have any value for the patient. If the blood pressure does drop, the physician will work out a dietary plan that will keep the salt content of the body low.

If there is sufficient damage to the kidneys to make it necessary to cut down the eating of proteins, such as come from meat, milk and eggs, rice may be used as the main source of calories and protein. Such patients may take a quart to a quart and a half of fluids a day.

Other methods of treatment for high blood pressure, such as the cutting of certain nerves, have been suggested. But these are drastic and, before any surgery is carried out, it would seem the better part of wisdom to try the low salt diet.

Greatcoat For Winter



By GRACE THORNCLIFFE

THE FUR TRIMMED greatcoat I designed for real winter wear is a new note, and a nice one, since the fur adds a decorative note without detracting from the utilitarian purpose of the coat. Camels hair and wool mixture is used for this model with nutria pockets to lend it a luxurious note. It is double breasted and has brown buttons. A brown cashmere scarf is slipped through the classic collar and revers. This is a good all-purpose coat for everyday wear.

Household Hints

To remove ice cream or cream stains from washable materials, sponge the cloth first with cold or lukewarm water, then wash in warm soapsuds. If the material is not washable, sponge the spot with carbon tetrachloride. After this has dried, sponge with cold water.

Light tints for walls and ceilings of your room have the advantage of improving the natural lighting of the room, and of making it possible to get the greatest value from light fixtures. Dark colours, on the other hand, have the power to absorb light.

A Dutch or half-door leading to the children's playroom keeps the youngsters safely inside, but enables mother to watch them as she goes about her household duties.

HOMEWORK NEEDN'T BE A CHORE

By GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS, Ph.D.

WHEN homework is mentioned it has a wide variety of meanings to different parents. To one parent it may mean the child, age eight or ten, must sit and work and worry over doing a long list of arithmetic problems or very hard words to spell, with the parents participating in the orgy of hampering emotions involved. To another parent it means long, late hours for the adolescent youth over several assignments which the parents won't let him finish because "he must have sleep."

To still another parent homework may mean school assignments which the youth merely daydreams over, always complains about and avoids when he can escape parental pressure. To ever so many other parents homework means much for them to do and to worry about, and the youth rarely or never to do.

Companionship With Child

To an occasional parent, homework may mean an opportunity to enjoy companionship with the child, especially at helping him find materials relative to some very fascinating work he has been doing at school, which he desires to assemble, read and interpret.

Except in very few schools with long school days providing for ample periods for study under expert guidance, and for a very few individual pupils who are geniuses at quick learning in the classroom, some homework, above the fourth or fifth grades, is, I think, desirable. The average pupil in junior and senior high school hardly will get on very well in a school of high academic standards unless he does some homework regularly. Nor will we be well prepared with good habits for serious study in case he goes on to college. Most of the just criticism of homework comes from the excessive amount of it for certain students and from the nature of the assignments, especially in the grades.

No Regular Homework

Teachers would do well to give little homework assignments below the fourth grades. If they do so earlier, it should not require more than twenty or thirty minutes an evening—not long hard lists of arithmetic problems or anything else to be handed in. Barring a few special assignments in junior and senior high school, rarely should any written assignments be done at home to be graded at the school.

Practically all regular written work should be done at school. Good teaching motivates the learner in class to do something outside of class in a way that he must carry with him what he learns in his head instead of what his parents or classmates have done for him to carry in his hands.

When your child begins to have regular homework assignments, try to see to it that he is home on nights before school and goes to this work at a regular time and place.

Let's Eat

BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

"One-Utensil" Mixing Method

YEARS ago I taught my cooking classes the "One- Utensil" method of mixing batter for cake and hot breads. Then there came a period of elaborate cooking when the sky seemed the limit on the preparation and number of dishes used by many cooking teachers and consequently by many homemakers.

Today the cycle is complete, and at last the science of cooking has come back to the common-sense idea that the fewer the dishes the better the cook, and the "one bowl" method is being presented as headline cooking news.

Large Saucepan

But I do not use a bowl. Instead throughout my entire career I have always advocated mixing batter in a large saucepan. Clumpy, heavy mixing bowls are taboo in my kitchen.

"I agree that the sauce pan with a rounded bottom is a much better utensil for mixing a batter than a heavy bowl," said the Chef. "The handle is a great help in holding the utensil firm while creaming butter and beating a batter. The rounded bottom does away with all corners, so it is easy to mix the ingredients together."

"A flat wooden spoon shaped like a spatula is of importance in mixing a cake," the Chef went on. "It has a long handle that is easy to hold, and does not cut into the hand like a metal spoon. It is very light to use, and is quiet in its operation. It does not clink against the bowl as metal does. And besides, I find that the wooden spoon makes butter or shortening cream soft more quickly than metal."

"Given an accurate measuring cup and measuring spoons, there's just one utensil besides the sauce pan and spoon, that I need when making muffins or plain cake, and that's a rubber dish scraper," I said. "It's useful in scraping every bit of batter out of the utensil."

Metal Spatula

"For that I use an easy-bending metal spatula," said the Chef, "and when I finish scraping out the batter, the utensil is so clean I can use it right away for mixing a new dish."

Both methods are good," I conceded. "As to the flour and dry ingredients, they can be sifted onto a large sheet of waxed paper instead of a plate. If you use

Spiced Cabbage

Crisp and fine-shred enough cabbage to make 4 heaping cups. Place in a sauce pan; add 1 tsp. salt and 1 c. boiling water. Cover and boil 10 min. Stir in 2 tsp. vinegar drained from spiced pickles.

Ritz Tomato Cucumber Relish

Select 3 firm, medium-sized ripe tomatoes, and 1 small tender cucumber. Wash but do not peel the tomatoes; cut out the stem ends. Wash and peel the cucumber. Cut both tomatoes and cucumbers in small bite-sized chunks and add ¼ the quantity of tomato-French dressing. Add 2 tsp. minced chives and 1 tsp. minced parsley. Chill and serve as a relish, with or without lettuce.



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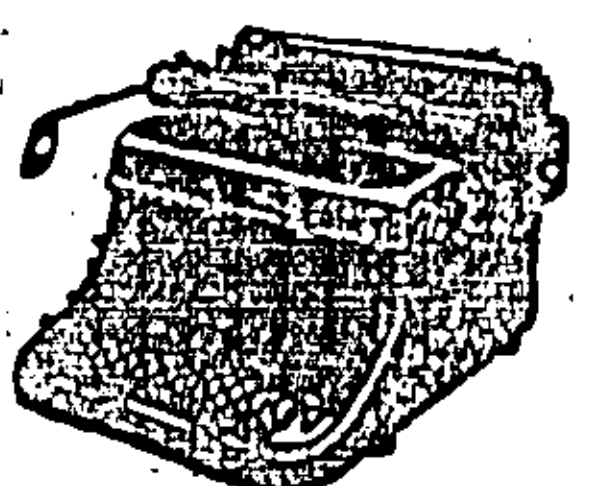
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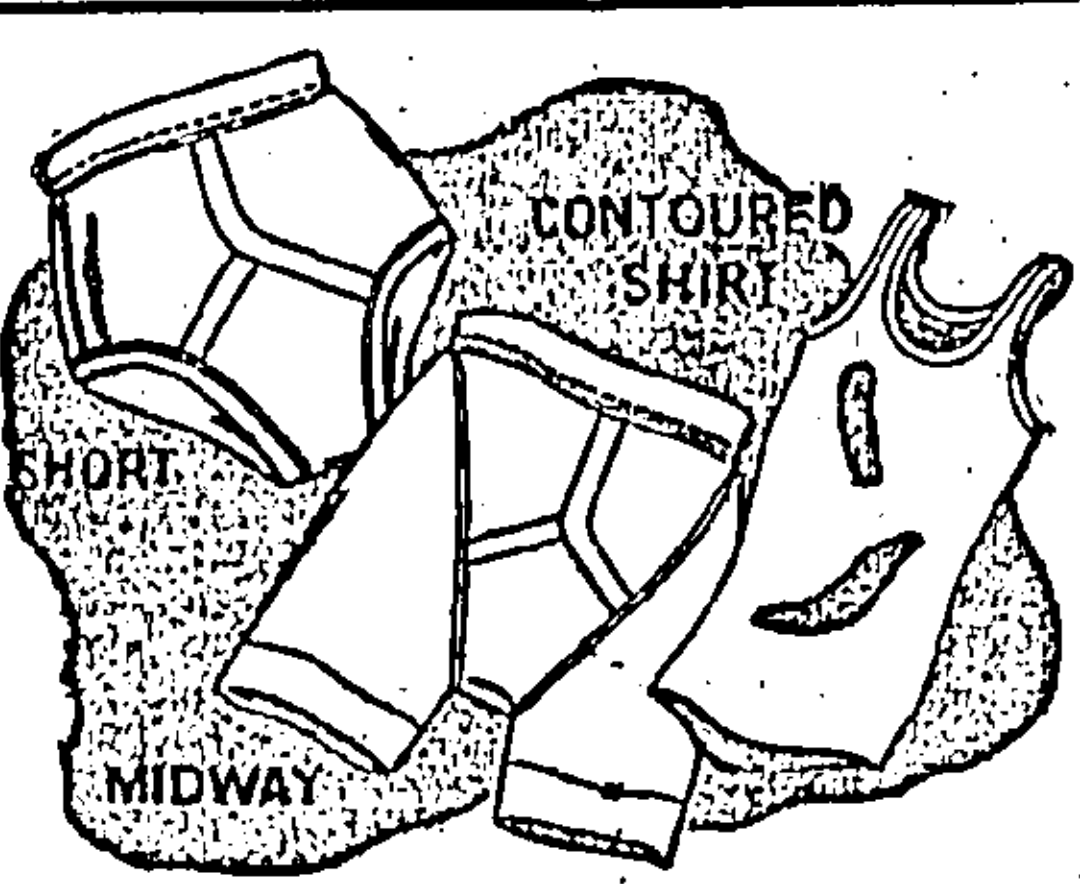


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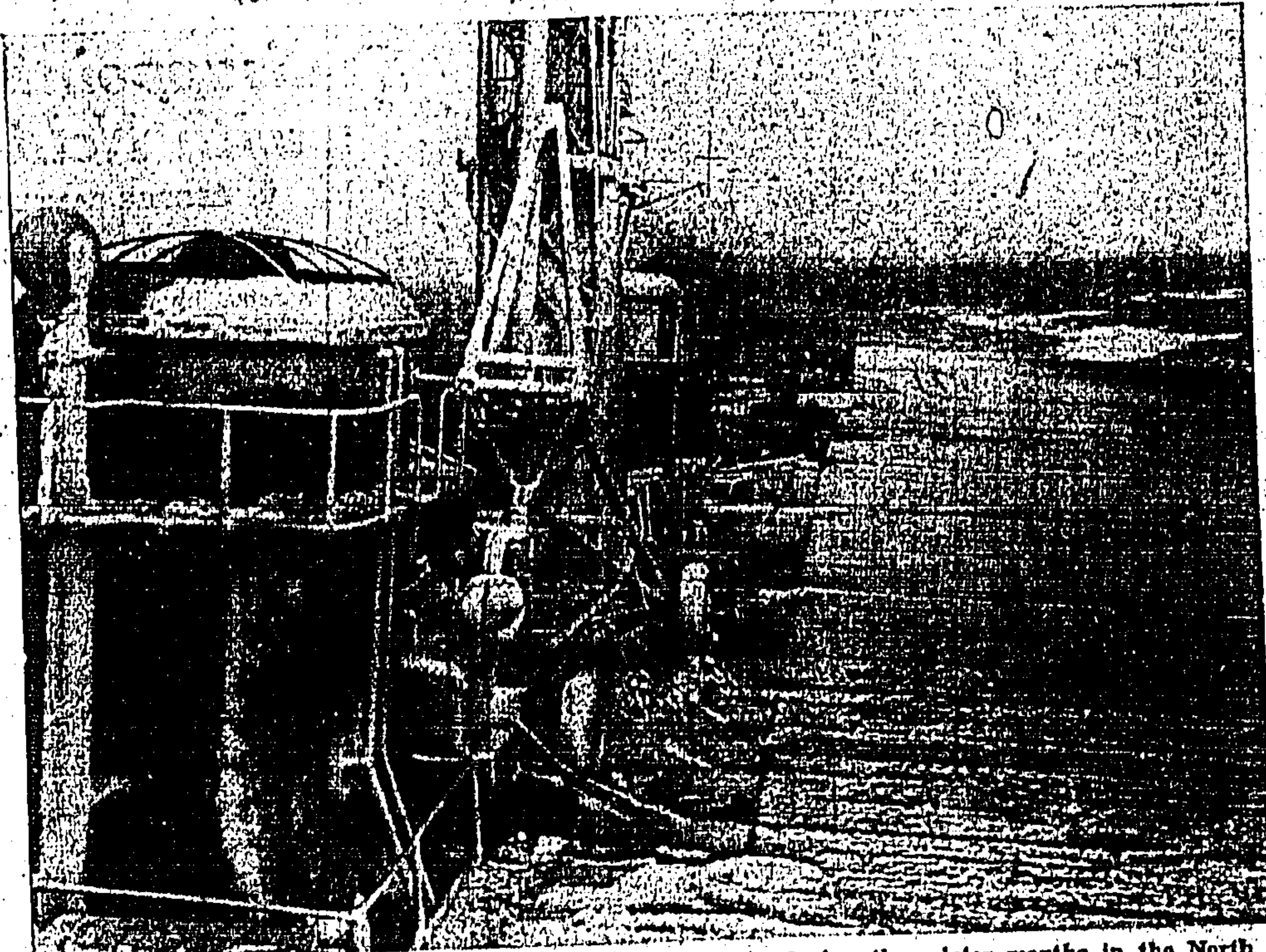
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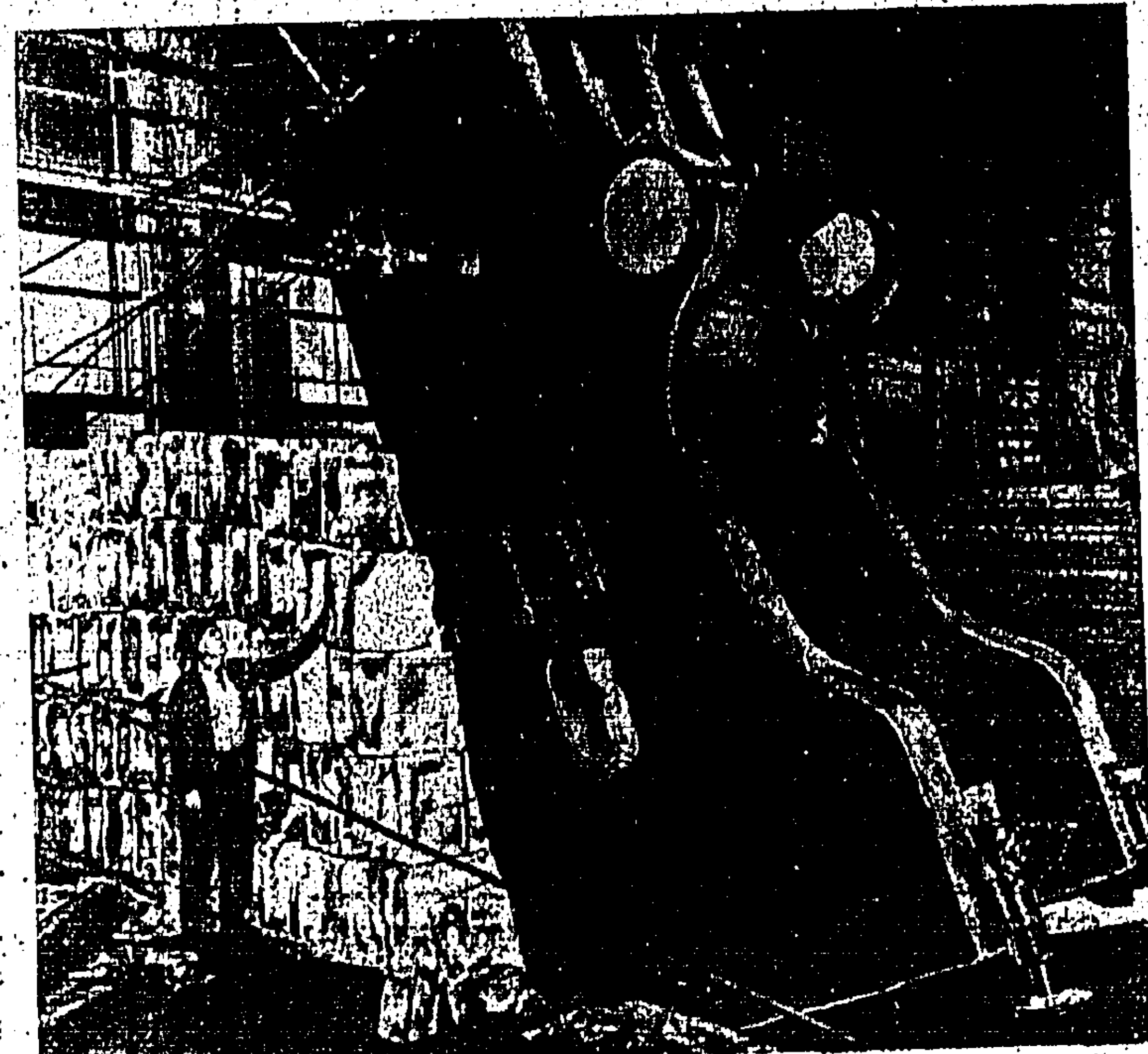
WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



CARRIER AT SEA—Duty on the U.S.S. Saipan is no soft job during the winter months in the North Atlantic. Ice has covered the flight deck and gear of the gigantic aircraft carrier. Here she ploughs along in the cold waters on her return from Greenland, where she was rushed in an attempt to rescue stranded airmen.



SAILING LASSIE—This pert New Zealand lass on the deck of a yacht off Kawaii Island handles the wheel in ladies' races off the island.



ON ICE—A workman checks the descent of a huge press in an auto plant in Muncie, Indiana. The 60-ton stack of ice eases the press gently into position on the floor as it melts away. Otherwise the huge press might slip and cause considerable damage.



BEAUTY IS OUR BUSINESS—The shapely Parisi sisters of Milan continue to display as much of their bodies as ever in local variety shows despite the Italian government's morality campaign. "To keep us from showing our legs," they maintain, "would be like prohibiting shops from using show windows."



TIGHTENING UP—Markgraf policemen of the Soviet sector of Berlin check mail bags for contraband on the border of the American and Russian sectors.



FEEDING TIME—Lydia Diaz feeds a peacock at a New York poultry exhibition and the bird seems mighty pleased as it displays its fancy tail.



COAL WAR PROGRESS—Captain Gene M. Patton of Harlingen, Texas, marks the 100,000th plane load of cargo flown into Berlin. Sgt. Richard Hosmer, left, and Lt. Robert McGuire, helped to ferry the 10 tons of coal to Tegel Airfield.



LADY REGULARS—A recruiting officer administers the oath to the first regular women Marines to be enlisted in metropolitan New York. The lady Leather-necks are all from the Marine Corps Women's Reserve.



THIS IS MY OWN, MY NATIVE LAND?—A group of more than 2,000 Berliners, who jammed Taberna Academica Auditorium in the British sector to attend a meeting of "World Citizens", glumly listens while leaders explain their aims. The group came into being when Gary Davis renounced his American citizenship to become a "citizen of the world."

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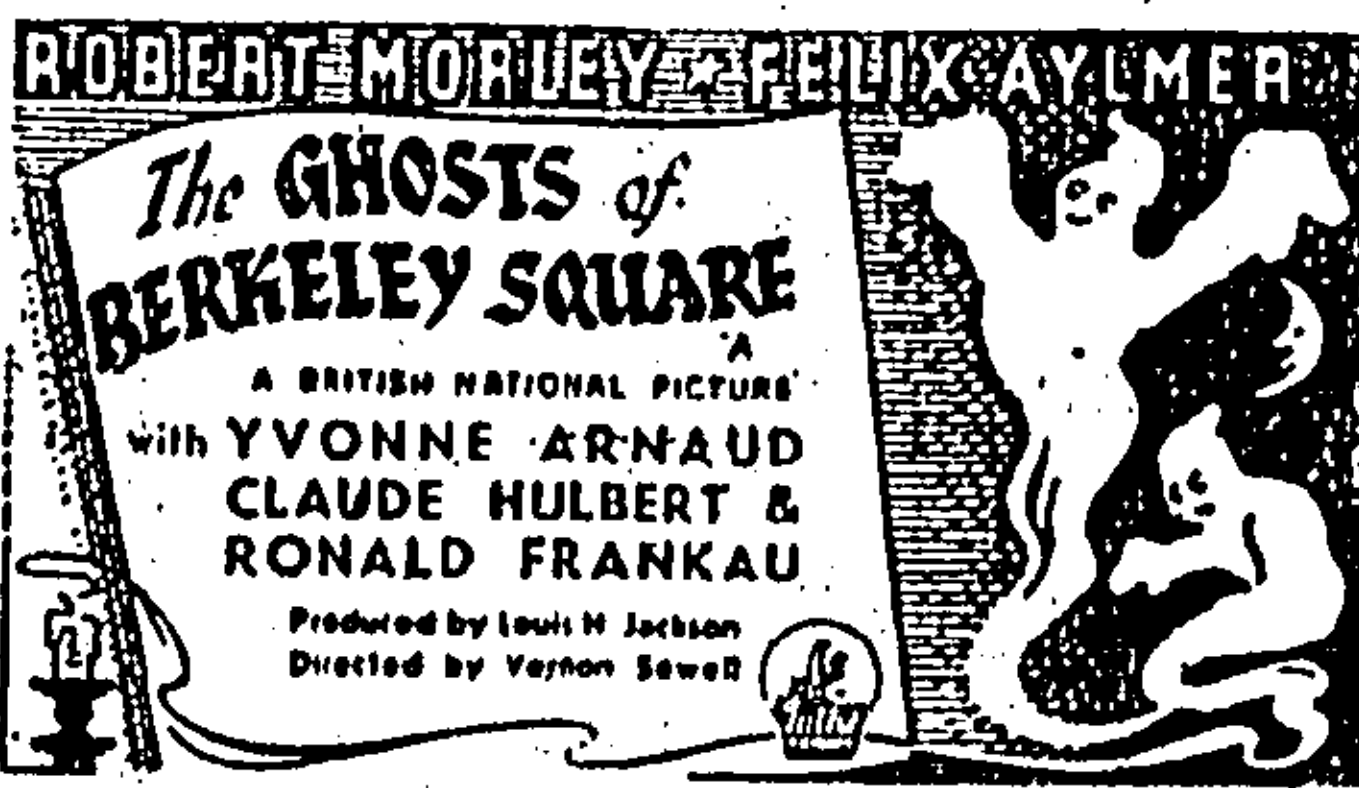
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WHY CHIANG LOST THE WAR

BY DOUGLAS LARSEN



Nationalist Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, shown here inspecting troops, had his best military year in 1946. Since then, the tide of battle had always been against him.

CONSISTENT violation of two old rules of warfare by the Chinese Nationalist strategists has led to China's present military disaster, according to a consensus of military experts.

First, Chiang Kai-shek's generals have ignored the military maxim that wars can't be won with defensive tactics.

Second, they have neglected the factor of troop morale. It takes soldiers with a strong will to win to make successful armies.

On the other hand, the Communist generals have concentrated on maintaining good morale while they have cleverly avoided all defensive action.

Since V.J. Day the pattern of the Chinese war has been something like this:

Nationalist troops were sent out to capture the cities and supply lines, while completely ignoring the farms and rural areas. It was done with no opposition and troops were garrisoned in the cities. Communist troops hid or temporarily disbanded.

Raiding Actions

COMMUNIST offensives began after Chiang's troops were comfortably settled in the cities. There were continuous, heckling, raiding actions on the cities and supply lines, usually at night. When Nationalist troops marched out to find them next day, the Communist soldiers were gone. At the same time the lines supplying the cities would be constantly cut and kept closed as much as possible.

While this was going on the Reds would live comfortably on farms between raids and battles, while Nationalist troops

slowly starved in the isolated cities. The Red generals fought all their battles on their own terms.

While insisting on maintaining this constant weakening defence, Chiang's generals ignored the morale of their troops. The men were given scarcely any furlough time. They were ill-fed and ill-paid. Most of them were forced into service. When they occasionally won a battle they were not rewarded. There was practically no such thing as an advance in rank. They received practically no training before they were sent into action.

On the other hand, Red troops were carefully trained, given long, periodic furloughs,

had taken most of the cities deep in northern Manchuria. And he had just been given over a million dollars' worth of surplus U.S. arms left on the Pacific islands.

During the temporary Nationalist-Communist truce which just preceded Chiang's most successful advances, the Red generals successfully welded together a strong army of about one million men. While Nationalist troops were being settled in the cities, Red troops were receiving intensive training. Soviet arms left behind when Russian troops were pulled out of Manchuria gave the Communist soldiers plenty of excellent equipment.

After June 1946, the tide of battle turned against Chiang's forces. The heckling of the cities, the constant cutting of supply lines, the falling morale of troops quartered for endless months in lonely cities did the trick. Chiang's generals continued to ignore the rural areas, never discovered how to start an offensive action and disregarded the troop morale factor.

During the ensuing two and a half years, Chiang's generals made other serious mistakes. Instead of keeping the American-trained divisions intact, they were broken up into small units and scattered among the various other divisions. The American-trained officers were relieved of high commands and were supplanted by politician-generals.

Biggest Blunder

BIGGEST Nationalist blunder was the inept use of air power. The Communists had no air force to speak of. Chiang's forces had up to 500 good combat aeroplanes and many good pilots. But maintenance was ignored, and the planes seldom got into the air.

A serious shortage of aviation gasoline was made more acute by the poor use of what was available. Most of it was used to fly transport planes to the isolated cities, which were hopelessly lost anyway. Practically no petrol was allotted for pilot training. It meant that pilots were rusty when they did get into combat missions, and the fuel was further wasted.

Advice of the American-trained Chinese fliers was ignored. Such tactics as saturation bombing of guerrilla bands were tried. They were completely ineffective. Lack of morale among maintenance crews, poor leadership and the gasoline shortage ruined the morale of the pilots, the experts believe.

Instead of trying to solve these problems, however, the Nationalist strategists spent their time trying to buy more planes. Recently they managed to buy 100 Mosquito bombers from the Canadians. But poor handling of the shipment of these planes by the Chinese wrecked more than 50 of them before they were ever turned over to the Chinese Air Force.

Impartial military experts are unwilling to discuss the charges that corruption and graft flourished among Chiang's high officers. They have confined their views to the purely military aspect of the problem.

RADIO ROUND-UP BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN

Moscow is disappointed with Nellie

By GEORGE CAMPEY

RUSSIAN radio listeners have been hearing the New Year launched by way of Bob and Nellie Clark. Who are the Clarks? They are described as "a typical English family." Nellie is the daughter of the household, Bob her brother.

Through the Clarks, the BBC, on their overseas service, are trying to teach the Russians English. The family's daily activities form the basis of lessons put out from this country.

These lessons are published beforehand in Britanskoy Soyuznik. COI paper published in Moscow, formerly known as British Ally.

Last episode in the Clark saga was "Seeing the New Year in."

But before it was due to be broadcast it came under hot fire from Moscow Radio.

It seems that Nellie Clark had a New Year resolution: to get up half an hour earlier every morning and walk to the office instead of taking a bus.

Moscow was interested in this. Walking was good for anybody. But the Soviet reader and listener, said Moscow's anonymous commentator, would be surprised that it was necessary for Nellie to save bus fares.

"Is the Clark family so poor?" he asked. "What strange thing to take into consideration! It sounds a giggling, cheese-paring kind of resolution."

Cigarettes, too!

Bob Clark also had a resolution: to smoke only 10 cigarettes a day instead of 20.

Said the commentator about this: "Well, the price of cigarettes being what it is, that's a New Year resolution that will probably be kept longer than most."

Neither Bob nor Nellie had any other resolutions. This moved the broadcaster to indignation: "Can't they find anything better than that? Such resolutions have about the same span of life as the diary that peters out at the end of the first month."

"There has been a terrible war," he added, "and the country is in a difficult economic position, but all that Bob and Nellie of the BBC think of is saving bus fares and cutting down smoking, and the second of these is probably a case of making a virtue of necessity."

Then he contrasted this with the New Year resolutions of the Soviet: afforestation, building of reservoirs, improving the harvest in arid regions.

And he drew this picture of his own neighbours' prospects in the New Year: One was "wailing for the spring to have her apartment decorated," another was "looking for some new furniture," a third was "planning a thorough renovation of her family's wardrobe."

"When we turn back to the Clarks the impression is rather a sad one—or it would be if one really believed that young people in Britain were thinking of nothing better."

"The BBC notwithstanding, one can't help believing that they've got more sense."

'Peace comes first'

"Towards the end of the lesson Nellie Clark proposes a toast to 1949 and joy to the family. Well, that's optimistic but pretty vague."

"At the Soviet tables there will be rather more definite toasts, to the things that mean most to us—to our work, to the better life we are striving for, and to the one thing we most of all and that Bob and Nellie need just as much—and that's peace."

"And although the compilers of the BBC's lessons don't seem to think that peace is important enough to include, or perhaps it is rather unfashionable, we are sure that for Bob and Nellie Clark, as for all the other Bobs and Nelles in the world, peace is the dearest wish of all."

NANCY

Point of View

By Ernie Bushmiller



P.W.D. LARCENY TRIAL:

Police Witness Denies Defence Allegation

A suggestion made by Mr Percy Chen (Counsel for Kwok Kwong) that a statement made by Kwok was obtained by telling the accused that he would go free, was denied by Mr J. Johnston, ASP, when the trial of Kwok and Austin Spary, employees of the Public Works Department, continued this morning at the Criminal Sessions before Mr Justice Reynolds, who ruled that their statements were admissible except for the latter portion of Spary's statement.

Accused are Kwok Kwong, 47, foreman, and Austin Spary, 50, electrical inspector, Grade 1, both of the Public Works Department. They are charged on nine counts of larceny by public servant, one of obtaining money by false pretences from the steward of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club and one of conspiracy to defraud the Government of money.

Mr Percy Chen, instructed by Mr C. A. S. Russ, is appearing for Kwok, and Spary is represented by Mr V. J. L. Dalton, instructed by Mr P. J. Griffiths. Appearing for the prosecution is Mr A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, assisted by Mr D. G. MacPherson, of the Special Branch.

The jury empanelled comprises four men and three women.

Yesterday, evidence as to the admissibility of accused's statements was heard by the Court in the absence of the jury. His Lordship informed the jury this morning that the Court ruled that those statements were admissible, except that part of Spary's statement made at Hinghom at 4.30 p.m. regarding Kwok's statement, the Court also ruled that it was admissible, but only relevant portions would be read to the Court.

Mr J. Johnston, ASP, of the Special Branch, first read the statement made by Spary at his office in Wanchai. The statement was in the form of answers and questions, and the first question put was that Mr Johnston was investigating alleged malpractices in the PWD depot in Kowloon and asking whether Spary knew of any electrical work done for the CPA at Kai Tak.

The answer stated that Spary had been contacted several weeks before-hand by a European of CPA, who could not recall the name. The man asked Spary if he knew of anyone who could fix some electrical work at Kai Tak and Spary said he would get in touch with Kwok Kwong, who would recommend one. Spary went on to say that the same man rang him later and told him that for some reason the contractor had stopped work.

He later spoke to Kwok, who told him the contractor had not been paid. Kwok did not say what contractor, Spary said he had nothing more to do with the matter. Spary said in the statement, in answer to another question, that he had passed the CPA Kai Tak about two months ago. He passed the time of the day with Harris there. He never mentioned electrical wiring.

GOVT. MATERIALS
Mr Johnston said that at this point Spary asked for further light to be thrown on the investigation and was then told that certain allegations had been made that Government materials had been used. Spary replied that he knew nothing about it Kwok Kwong and May, who were in charge of Hinghom, could do what they liked.

Mr Johnston next read in part Kwok Kwong's statement made on August 11. Kwok said he had known Spary since 1946. Spary was in charge of Hinghom workshop. Spary had taken him about March 1946 to Kai Tak and there shown him some huts belonging to CPA. Kwok was shown the position of lights in two huts and was asked to wire them.

Spary did not say who was to do the work, but he understood that Spary wanted him to use Government workmen on it. Kwok started work with Government workmen at Kai Tak and the materials used were Government materials. The work took from March until July. He received three cheques for the work, totalling \$5,340. He used Cheong Hing's billiards for the work, but Cheong Hing had nothing to do with it. He used the billiards because Cheong Hing was a registered contractor. Kwok said he gave all this money to Spary.

He also did the re-wiring of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club for Spary. He carried out the work with PWD foks and materials. He received \$700 for the work and gave it to Spary. There were two fans to be installed. Spary brought them from Hongkong. One was noisy and was later changed.

Another job he did for Spary was at the Cecilia Beauty Salon. Spary told him to install 10 power sockets. He carried the work out with PWD men and materials. The job cost \$501. The mistress paid him and he gave the money to Spary. Spary knew that on these three jobs Kwok was using PWD workmen and materials.

REMARKS TO JURY
Here, his Lordship informed the jury that regarding statements made by accused persons, the jury should only take into consideration evidence made against themselves. For instance, where an accused made a statement mentioning another person, the jury should only consider the evidence made against that

particular accused and should disregard the evidence made against any other person mentioned in the statement.

Cross-examined by Mr Chen, witness said he had been making inquiries relating to the PWD before August 11. He obtained some information. He had been working on the matter for about three weeks. He had certain information about certain people. He had a meeting with his assistants, Inspectors MacPherson and Morrison on the evening of August 10 regarding the investigation. At that meeting he told his assistants of certain plans he had made.

Witness said that on August 11 he made a raid on the Hinghom workshop. It was at a time when all the workmen would be assembled there. He agreed that detectives took up positions at the doors to the workshop. He was accompanied by Inspectors MacPherson and Morrison and the chief Chinese detective, Iu Mook.

Witness said he told the workmen to remain quietly where they were and that they would be questioned in turn. He raided the workshop with all the information concerning the matter. He and Iu Mook spoke to Kwok, who made a statement confirming his suspicions. He did not at that moment take the statement down because evidence from 60 persons had to be taken. He also meant to question Kwok all that day if necessary. Also he had to test his evidence.

Mr Chen: You did not regard his statement at that time to be worth much?

Witness: It was confirmation of what I knew, but without further evidence to support it. In other words what you are telling the Court is this: When this man makes a practical confession, according to you, you just stand aside. You are going to attend to other business first?—That's what we did.

NO INDUCEMENT
I put it to you that you induced him, not that, but later, to make a statement like this when you wrote it down by telling him that if he made a statement like this he would go free?—I did not induce him.

In other words you and Iu Mook held out a promise to him that if he came clean you would use his evidence against either Spary or May and that he would go free?—I never did.

Did you subsequently make such an offer to Ho Ting?—No.
To Au Pui?—No.
To Ko Lin?—No.

Did you make such an offer to Ho Sun?—No.
Witness said that Kwok's statement was made at about 11.45 p.m. that night. He said that Ho Ting had not been arrested then. In fact he did not know of Ho's existence then.

Witness said that as far as he could remember he did see Ho Ting

No Cardinal For Stars' Wedding

Rome, Jan. 26.—Because of the glare of publicity, Tyrone Power and Linda Christian will probably have no Cardinal to celebrate their wedding in Rome tomorrow, it was learned from usually well-informed Vatican sources.

The bride-to-be went towards confirming this when she told journalists and photographers: "You see what you have done? Because of all the publicity the Cardinal may not want to officiate."

Yesterday the couple received informal assurances that Federico Cardinal Tedeschini, Arch-Priest of St Peter's Church, would officiate at tomorrow morning's ceremony in the Church of Santa Francesca Romana. Today the Vatican sources said the Holy See had decided that the occasion did not warrant the presence of a Prince of the Church.

Cardinal Tedeschini's secretary said tonight that the Cardinal would not officiate.

A denial of reports that he is to officiate will be printed in Osservatore Romano, the Vatican organ, the secretary said.

The Vatican sources said that an English-speaking Prelate of the North American College would probably perform the ceremony.—Associated Press.

In Yaumati Police Station on August 12.

Mr Chen: I put it to you that you saw Ho Ting in Yaumati Police Station?

Witness: I may have done.

And that Ho Ting was in the same room with Kwok Kwong when they were questioned in Yaumati?—Not that I remember.

And that after they had been questioned by Inspector MacPherson you and Iu Mook took Kwok into another room and there you wrote that statement out?—No.

Witness said he wrote the statement out himself. He explained that the interpreter present did not do so because it was always the investigating officer who wrote statements.

Mr Chen: Why was this statement not written in Chinese by Kwok?

Witness: In my experience statements were never written in Chinese.

It would be a very good innovation for a man who makes a statement to write that statement himself in his own language so that he can read it?—I have never heard of that in my experience.

You are not a Welshman?—No.

Well, it's done in Wales?—It's not done in Hongkong.

TIME NOT NOTED

Witness agreed that the time and place was noted on the statement made by Spary, but not on the statement made by Kwok. The reason was the statement was taken after a hard day's work. It was taken in a hurry, as there was a lot to be done that day. Witness said it was not strange not to note the time and place on a statement.

Witness explained that as Kwok's statement amounted to a confession, his statement was not taken in the form of questions and answers, as in the case of Spary's statement.

Mr Chen pointed to that portion of Kwok's statement where it was stated that it was he who presented the Cheong Hing bill, but that the "force" in the "Cause" was Kwok. He also drew the attention of witness to another point in which Kwok was said to have stated that the mistress of the Cecilia Beauty Salon had paid him, whereas according to the evidence Tam Wing said the man who got the cheque.

Witness said he wrote down what was told him by Kwok.

Mr Chen: You had a theory when you went to Hinghom that morning?

Witness: I had information. I went there with information to check it and I made inquiries.

You went there to get your facts to support your theory?—Yes.

I put it to you that you induced this statement from this man (Kwok Kwong) by telling him directly or through your interpreter that if he gave you the statement he would be allowed to go free?—Never.

The trial is continuing.

BEVIN DEFENDS POLICY

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pany have made a big and increasing contribution to the economic and social progress of that area."

Mr Bevin said that Pakistan, as the great Moslem power, had great interest in the Middle East and he emphasised the importance of the recent conference in New Delhi.

He went on: "We believe we can maintain friendly association with the peoples of Asia but we must recognise that Asia as represented at the conference ranges from Burma to Turkey and Egypt."

Mr Bevin added: "This Government did not create the Palestine problem." He said the Balfour Declaration promised the same thing to two peoples, and added: "If the burden is difficult now it is because the statesmen of those days did not face the problem fearlessly, resolutely and finally."

It was no service to posterity to take refuge in contradictory statements to the Arabs and the Jews, he said.

Mr Churchill was Colonial Secretary in 1922, and I admire his extraordinary ingenuity, but can he deny that he too was faced with a problem to which there was no real solution.

"The criticism of this Government is that we have been unable to settle in three and a half years what everybody has been trying to solve by a succession of Commissions and White Papers."

DIFFERENT DEMAND
Recalling that the Balfour Declaration promised the establishment of a national home for the Jews, Mr Bevin said: "When I came to deal with this problem we were faced not with the demand for a national home but for a Jewish State."

"This development made a more intense conflict with the Arabs inevitable. It also meant that we had a thing not contemplated by the Balfour Declaration or under the League of Nations."

"The State of Israel is now a fact and we have not tried or done anything to undo it. At the same time, the tide of Arab nationalism has been running high. This has been deep into the ordinary Arab people and will produce a very serious situation unless handled with very great care."

"I think the Arabs have a cause that has got to be considered."

Recalling the assistance Britain had received from the Arabs during the last war, Mr Bevin declared: "I do not think it is in the tradition of the British Army to forget their friends and I am certainly not a Foreign Secretary who is going to make a start in that direction."

PROFOUND INJUSTICE
The Foreign Secretary went on: "The Arabs feel as profoundly as the Jews that in the problem of Palestine right is on their side. They consider that an Arab population has been occupying Palestine for some 20 centuries and that to be turned out of their land to make way for another race is to them a profound injustice."

Following an intervention by Mr Sidney Silverman, a Jewish Member of Parliament who said that the Jews had not turned anyone out but had done their utmost to persuade the Arabs to stay, Mr Bevin retorted: "The fact is that 500,000 Arabs have gone and are refugees, and I don't think they walked out voluntarily."

"It is a marvel to me that there has been little world conscience for that tragedy."

"The tragic problem of Palestine is to find some solution for the conflicting points of view without the Middle East sinking into chaos in the process."

It was absolutely untrue that the Government encouraged Arab Government or forces to attack Israel.

"I uttered every warning I could to the Arab Governments not to indulge in the business but the feeling and situation had run so high that I am afraid it would have been little use doing other than what happened," he said.

DISRESPECT FOR UN
Outlining the recent events in Palestine, Mr Bevin pointed out that only 11 days after the appointment of the Conciliation Committee another attack was launched by the Jews in the Negev.

"We are members of the United Nations," he said, "and if the United Nations is ever going to succeed, I do think some means have got to be created in which there is to be respect for the decisions of the Security Council."

It was at this point, he said, where the real difficulty arose.

"When things get out of hand in the exuberance of victory, you don't know where they are going and where they will finish up. Therefore we kept in daily touch with the times."

"Mr Bevin said that there had been a good deal of propaganda by the revisionists claiming the whole of the Transjordan, which looked on the face of it the beginning of another aggressive mentality."

SECURITY PROBLEMS
He also said: "These events create problems of internal security. Internal security and stability in the Middle East are a very vital matter for this country."

King Abdullah of Transjordan appealed to the British Government under the Anglo-Transjordan treaty for a British force to be sent to Akaba and also for arms that he might be in position to defend himself if an attack was made on his forces.

"We agreed to send a force to Akaba but in view of the United Nations arms embargo we did not deliver arms to the Arab Legion."

—Routledge.

Death Of PRO Chief Clerk

Mr Anthony Chong

Mr Anthony Chong, chief clerk of the Government's Public Relations Office, died early this morning at the Queen Mary Hospital after a brief illness.

He was 32 years of age and leaves a widow and four children.

The late Mr Chong joined the Public Relations Office when it was established immediately after the liberation under the leadership of the late Archie Pollock. He served as clerk and office manager and was later appointed chief clerk and accountant.

He was born in Java and received his early education there, but his family then moved to Hongkong, where Mr Chong spent most of his life.

U.S. Withdraws Army Advisers

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In the meantime, the Executive Yuan approved a number of President Li's requests for reforms to ease negotiations: 1. The resumption of postal and telegraphic communications with Communist territories.

2. Release of political prisoners, dissolution of special criminal courts and the lifting of the ban on outlawed newspapers and periodicals.

3. Suspension of secret service activities with the reorganisation of the Communist Suppression Headquarters into a military headquarters.

A proposal to revoke martial law failed to obtain approval.—United Press.

NANKING GLOOMY
Nanking, Jan. 27.—Even the capital's most optimistic peace advocates were gloomy last night following the latest denunciations by the Communists of the Nationalist Government and its leaders.

The obtaining of peace was going to be a tough job, one of the most active Kuomintang peace-makers who asked that his name not be to be quoted, told Reuters.

Observers said there was little possibility that there would be any response to the Communist call to the Nationalist Government to imprison those on the extended Communist war criminal list.

From Shanghai, a localised peace for the Nanking and Shanghai areas, similar to that for Peiping, was advocated by Mr Chang Chieh-hwa, an outstanding liberal legislator who came to Shanghai from Nanking on Tuesday.

Mr Chang said his visit was to gain active support for his suggestion from Shanghai commercial industrial leaders.

Should the war spread to the Shanghai and Nanking areas, Mr Chang believed it was loss of life and property in the country's political and economic centre would drain China of most of her resources.—Reuters-APP.

Wot! No Hirsute Adornments!

Singapore, Jan. 26.—The moustache, especially the RAF handlebar variety, is steadily disappearing from the Singapore scene.

For a time after the liberation, RAF moustaches became the fashion. Now they are rare. Even the brief upper-lip adornments are thinning.

The women of Singapore say they heartily approve of the new style.—Associated Press.

Radio Hongkong

1949 Programme Summary: 6.01, Children's Story, "The River Bandit" by E. J. Trevor. (BBCS); 6.30, "Night Encounter", 6.35, Interlude; 6.40, "The Demel-Hours" (Fanciful) (Studio); 7.00, World News and News Analysis (London Relay); 7.15, "The Masquerade" (BBCS); 7.20, "New Year's Eve" (Studio); 7.30, "From the Editor's" (London Relay); 7.40, "Vocal Recital by Julia Lee" (Studio); 7.50, "Concerto No. 1 in E Minor, Op. 11 (Chopin)" by Arthur Schnabel at the Piano with the London Symphony Orchestra; 8.00, Music from Argentina; 8.15, Book Review by Catherine Scott-Moncrieff (Studio); 8.30, "The Old Story of Simon" (Studio); 8.40, "The Old Story of Simon" (Studio); 8.50, "The Old Story of Simon" (Studio); 9.00, "The Old Story of Simon" (Studio); 9.10, "The Old Story of Simon" (Studio); 9.20, "The Old Story of Simon" (Studio); 9.30, "The Old Story of Simon" (Studio); 9.40, "The Old Story of Simon" (Studio); 9.50, "The Old Story of Simon" (Studio); 10.00, "The Old Story of Simon" (Studio); 10.10, "The Old Story of Simon" (Studio); 10.20, "The Old Story of Simon" (Studio); 10.30, "The Old Story of Simon" (Studio); 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FOOTBALL FOLLOWERS' POLL SELECTS BRITISH SOCCER'S BEST ELEVEN

By JIM CHAMBERS

London, Jan. 26.—Ten thousand readers of the London Daily Express have voted for what they consider is Britain's best soccer team to beat the rest of the world.

The eleven players selected are:

Frank Swift (Manchester City),
Laurie Scott (England and Arsenal),
Dave Shaw (Scotland and Hibernian),
Billy Wright (England and Wolverhampton Wanderers),
Neil Franklin (England and Stoke City),
Ron Burgess (Wales and Tottenham Hotspur),
Stanley Matthews (England and Blackpool),
Stann Mortensen (England and Blackpool),
Tommy Lawton (Notts County),
Billy Steel (Scotland and Derby County),
Tom Finney (England and Preston North End).

The fans, who voted these eleven men as the best team here, have certainly started something as Swift and Lawton have been dropped from the England team. Their places have been filled by Ted Ditchburn, the Tottenham Hotspur goal-keeper and Jackie Milburn, the centre-forward who usually plays inside-right for his club—Newcastle United.

Five of the eleven, Swift, Burgess, Matthews, Lawton and Steel, played for Britain against the best of Europe at Hampden Park, Glasgow, in May 1947. Britain won that game 6-1.

Wilfred Mannion of Middlesbrough, an automatic choice for the inside-left position in the England national team until he had his now patched-up quarrel with Middlesbrough, polled very few votes by comparison with Billy Steel.

Matthews, the prince of wing forwards, secured 94 percent of all the votes cast for ten candidates for the outside-right spot. Frank Swift, England's discarded goal-keeper, polled 54.7 of votes cast for 17 nominated goal-keepers. England's present "keeper," Ted Ditchburn, was nearest to him with 22 percent.

There was a hot tussle for the left-back position between Shaw, Henry of Derby County, Huggins of Chelsea and England's former captain, George Hardwick of Middlesbrough.

Shaw, eventually emerged as the winner.

All the chosen half-backs had overwhelming support.

Of the forwards, apart from Matthews, Stann Mortensen secured 84 percent of the votes as inside-right, Billy Steel 50 percent of the votes for inside-left and Tom Finney 48 percent of readers' votes for 21 players as left-wing.

The Daily Express did not disclose the percentage of votes for Tommy Lawton as centre-forward.

Altogether 172 players were nominated for the eleven positions.

Of the nominated team, eight are English players, two are Scots and one is Welsh. Not one Irish player found favour.—Associated Press.

Welsh Rugger Team Selected

Cardiff, Jan. 26.—The Welsh Rugby Union side to meet Scotland at Murrayfield, Scotland, on February 5 shows only two changes from that, which won against England.

Cook replaces L. Williams, now a Rugby League professional, at wing three-quarter, and Rees Stephens replaces D. Hayward in the pack.

The team is: (Cardiff): K. Jones (Newport); J. Matthews, B. J. Williams, T. Cook; H. Tanner (all Cardiff); Glyn Davies (Pontypool); E. Coleman, W. H. Travers (both Newport); D. Jones (Swansea); A. Meredith (Deonport of Services); Rees Stephens (Aberystwyth); R. Gale (Newbridge); J. Gwilliam (Newport); G. Evans (Cardiff).—Reuter.

CRICKET TEAMS

The KCC first division cricket team plays two league matches this weekend.

On Saturday the University will be entertained by the Club at 1.45 p.m. At 1.45 p.m. on Monday the KCC will visit Club de Recoelo.

The KCC eleven for both matches will be: R. E. Lee (capt), E. C. Fincher, J. Barrow, A. Zimmerman, F. H. Zimmerman, G. E. Taylor, N. Hart, Baker, W. Davidson, T. A. Madar, J. P. Hewitt and V. C. Bond.

The following will represent the Club de Recoelo 1st XI against the Army on Saturday at King's Park, game to commence at 1.45 p.m.: A. M. Fraia (Capt), F. M. Nolasco da Silva, J. M. A. M. Rodrigues, Dr. E. L. Gossano, B. T. Gossano, L. G. Gossano, G. N. Gossano, A. P. Pereira, Jr., N. A. Baitan, Dr. A. V. Gossano, E. M. L. Soares, Umplio, A. V. Gossano.

The following will represent the Club de Recoelo 2nd XI against the Army on Saturday at King's Park, game to commence at 1.45 p.m.: A. M. Fraia (Capt), F. M. Nolasco da Silva, J. M. A. M. Rodrigues, Dr. E. L. Gossano, B. T. Gossano, L. G. Gossano, G. N. Gossano, A. P. Pereira, Jr., N. A. Baitan, Dr. A. V. Gossano, E. M. L. Soares, Umplio, A. V. Gossano.

SECOND XI

The following will represent Club de Recoelo 2nd XI in a League match against the Army at King's Park, game to commence at 1.45 p.m.: A. M. Fraia (Capt), F. M. Nolasco da Silva, J. M. A. M. Rodrigues, Dr. E. L. Gossano, B. T. Gossano, L. G. Gossano, G. N. Gossano, A. P. Pereira, Jr., N. A. Baitan, Dr. A. V. Gossano, E. M. L. Soares, Umplio, A. V. Gossano.

On Sunday the following will play for Recoelo against the King George V School on the third ground at 1.45 p.m.: A. M. Fraia (Capt), F. M. Nolasco da Silva, J. M. A. M. Rodrigues, Dr. E. L. Gossano, B. T. Gossano, L. G. Gossano, G. N. Gossano, A. P. Pereira, Jr., N. A. Baitan, Dr. A. V. Gossano, E. M. L. Soares, Umplio, A. V. Gossano.

ROYAL ROUND



The Duke of Windsor drives from the first tee in his round of golf with King Leopold and Count d'Arcangues (right to left) at Cannes, France.

BASEBALL

Start Of The Annual Salary Wars

By MILTON RICHMAN

Major league clubs will be mailing 1949 contracts shortly and the following letter is one that invariably comes back by return mail.

Dear Mr Clubowner:

I received my 1949 contract yesterday and am mailing it back to you today without my signature. Terms of the contract, I might add, are highly unflattering inasmuch as I batted .278 in 140 games last season.

When I first took a look at the contract I was sure that you had intended it for one of the other outfielders on the club. But I took a look under the dotted line and there was my name typewritten just like I always spell it.

SOFT SOAP

You may remember that in June, when I was hitting .342 and setting our league on fire, you called me aside after a game one day and said, "Don't worry about a thing for next year."

Well sir, I took your advice and didn't worry about a thing, just like you said.

My wife says I was a chump for going for that soft soap. As soon as she saw the contract she sent all the kids off to bed and began weeping about having to pawn some of her jewelry.

Frankly, I'd rather remain out of baseball than sign at the terms you offered. I spoke with a fellow who runs a gas station down the road a bit and he says I can make lots more money working for him as a grease monkey and general all-around handyman.

RELUCTANT TO QUIT

You know, of course, that I love baseball and I would be very reluctant to quit it for a job as grease monkey.

If you remember, we had the same trouble last year. Your first two contracts both called for \$6,000.

Finally, you gave me \$3,000 less than I was asking, \$7,000. It was hard to make ends meet with that salary and if you read the papers you'll notice that the price of living is still going up.

The skipper says he has a wa in regard for me because I'm not a "clubhouse lawyer." In other words, I hate to bicker, sir, but a man has got a right to live, especially a man who hit .278 and was burning up the league in June.

TENNIS

Sedgman Upsets Adrian Quist

Adelaide, Jan. 26.—Frank Sedgman, regarded as the most promising player in Australia, caused a major upset in the Australian lawn tennis championships today when he defeated Adrian Quist, the holder, by 6-2, 4-6, 6-4 and 6-4 in the quarter final.

The results of the other quarter-finals were:

Geoff Brown beat George Worthington 6-1, 6-3, 4-6 and 6-1.
Bill Sidwell beat H. T. Warhurst 6-3, 6-1, 4-6 and 6-4, and John Bromwich beat Colin Long 6-4, 6-4, 1-6 and 6-2.—Reuter.

Home Football

London, Jan. 26.—In the Scottish Cup first round replay, Morton beat Inverness Caledonians by two goals to nil.

In a Rugby Union game, United Hospitals lost to Oxford University, by 6 points to 16.—Reuter.

THE SPORTSMAN'S DIARY

CRICKETERS ARE ALWAYS LOATH TO DESERT

Cricketers are loath to desert the playing fields as prima donnas the platform. Hence it is no surprise to know that R. W. V. Robins, 42 though he is, is to have another season with Middlesex. Only difference is that while the elderly singers' voices may be crazed the cricket of Robins is still bright and lively.

He tells me that in April he has to go to America for a trip lasting a month. That will not prevent him from playing the half-dozen matches or more he contemplates next season.

His "narrower bat" suggestion? He wants a whole inch off, which sounds rather much. Probably he would be quite happy with half an inch.

SIMS THE VETERAN

Jim Sims, not Robins, will be the Middlesex veteran again in 1949. He told me at the reopening of the West London Indoor Cricket School, which Jack Davidson manages, that reference books let him down lightly at 44. Actually he is a year older and will be almost the oldest player in the first-class game next season.

"I thought of giving up last year," said Sims, "before the game gave me up, but the county committee asked me stay on."

He will probably be the oldest regular first-class player in the country.

WITH OWEN MORAN

Immediately after boxing a quick-fire exhibition with Randolph Turpin at the Thompson-Pryce fight, American heavyweight Lee Savold slipped away with his manager, Bill Daly, to a back street in Birmingham.

They went as sick visitors to swap yarns with Owen Moran, lightweight who brought glory to British boxing more than 40 years ago.

Moran, now 64, has been bed-ridden for a long time. He regaled Savold with some lively recollections of his historic American campaign in the early days of the century—a campaign which included two battles with the celebrated Abe Attell.

LONDON TO JO'BURG

Here from South Africa is Peg Haswell, London-born boy, who went out to Johannesburg in 1936, as a greyhound racing manager and is now a leading sports promoter.

Haswell, 41 years of age and a father of six children, is out to clinch the Woodcock-Ralph fight. He is staying with boxing manager Ted Broadbribb.

First difficulty is the date. Haswell wants the fight for April, when the annual Rand Show is on in Johannesburg.

Jack Solomons, who is putting on the Mills and Woodcock fight in June, does not want Woodcock, with the risk of injury, fighting as late as April. Haswell hopes to make him change his mind.

ANOTHER STRANAHAN

Among international golfers coming to the British Amateur golf championship at Portmarnock in May is Frank Stranahan, who defended his title in Henri de Lamaze, French amateur champion, who is heir to some of a tyre fortune through his mother.

He is another Stranahan in his assiduity of the practice tee. Henry

ON THE RECORD

THEY ALL CAME BACK WHOLE

The Korean football team, which leaves today by ship on its way home, returned here from Saigon without having suffered a single casualty in three matches there.

In all, the Koreans have played eight games in Hongkong, Saigon and Macao, winning five, drawing one and losing two. They think that Saigon's football strength is quite up to that of Hongkong, though, they say, the type of play is entirely different.

They have scored 28 goals and had 15 goals scored against them, an impressive record for any team, and more so when one remembers how many of their players were unfit to take the field after their first match here.

The Koreans would have liked to continue their tour but the fact that some 10 of their players are University students and the next University semester is just about to start decided them on returning home.

Mr Paul Hyen, manager of the team, told me that there is no football in Korea on a senior and junior division basis.

The universities and colleges have their own league, the various firms run an inter-league league, the high schools have their league and there is a league for clubs.

Interest in inter-club football, which hadn't the support until lately that the other leagues had, is now picking up. Rising standards in inter-club play suggest that the clubs will eventually be the larger contributors to Korea's teams.

The American Army, by the way, has tried soccer in Korea. The GIs scrupulously refused to pick up the ball and run with it but they could never get the knack of using their feet and few found the game "fun."

There is a fair amount of rugby in Korea and a halfway meeting place has been found with this game.

The Saigon team is here now for the New Year holiday matches and

Cotton, who plays with him at the Monte Carlo Golf Club, thinks that off the plus 2 mark, which he holds comfortably. De Lamaze is good enough to go far in any amateur event.

Cotton's postbag is being swollen by "congratulatory" letters from golfers who have read his book.

FINE TRIP, BUT—

As with cricket, so with rugby—it is not easy for an amateur player to leave business and home for seven months, which will be the duration of the 1950 tour to Australia and New Zealand. No tour without surprise that the home rugby unions—during the tour under the title Great Britain—are becoming anxious about it.

The seven months cannot be reduced unless the team fly both ways, which would cost £7,000. Today most young men are having business worries; there is a Service call-up, and a shortage of schoolmasters, police and miners who, in the West Country, are prominent in rugby.

OFFICIALS

If a satisfactory side does go, there is a suggestion in Wales that Hadyn Turner should be assistant manager and co-selector, partly because it is the turn of Wales to nominate travelling officials, and Eric Evans, new Welsh Rugby Union secretary, is therefore spoken of as manager.

Here again the same trouble arises. Turner is a schoolmaster with his living to earn.

ANSWER THESE

Here is a nut for you to crack, Mr J. K. Much, of Cromwell Road, S. W., wants chapter and verse for these queries connected with sport. He asks:

(a) Who are known as "The Baggies"?

(b) To what sport do Lord Exeter's conditions apply?

(c) Who was reputed "to have turned the old one-stringed instrument into a many chorded lyre"?

Mr Much says he has spent "much time in reference libraries trying to run them to earth." He is well believe it. Can anyone help him?

DOUBLE CAP

Young Welshman Sullivan threatens to equal Dr Kevin O'Flanagan's record of playing for his country both at Soccer and Rugby. Sullivan plays wing three quarters for Llanelli and has his eye on positions now filled by Jack Matthews and Bledwyn Williams in the Welsh national eleven.

Sullivan was a reserve in the last International trial at Cardiff and he returns there to play in the Soccer International trial.

BORROWED STRATEGY
A football manager who watches ice hockey to get strategy ideas is Neil McBain, one of the finest centre halves ever to play for Scotland and now manager of Leyton Orient.

Neil told me he goes to Wembley every Thursday and learns a lot of tactical moves which he attempts to apply to Soccer.

Others watching ice hockey and who were regular attendants were golf star Dai Rees, recovering from peritonitis, and Kent cricketer Leslie Todd, convalescing from a nasal operation.

Johnnie Jackson, known universally as Jalkie, is now a golf professional with Wyke Green Club. When with Chelsea he was undoubtedly the greatest goal-keeper in the world but preferred playing second fiddle to Vic Woodley rather than be transferred so that he could stay with London's bright lights.

BARRIE BEST

Joe Davis forecasts that his brother Fred will again win the world snooker championship which starts next month and ends in April. King Joe names John Barrie the 24-year-old six-footer as the best of the youngsters, and reckons Barrie will be champion in the years to come.

Meantime, Davis is hoping to find some new faces on his trip to Bermuda and New York, and if G. Chamberlain, the Canadian champion, lives up to the breaks claimed on his behalf, Joe will invite him to London next season.

Snooker and billiards need a few personalities besides Joe Davis. If they are to survive. Where are the Melbourne Innings, the Willie Smiths, the Tom Newmans, the Tom Reeces, and the Walter Lindrums?

MORE FOR THE ANGLERS
So many anglers are hauling fish out of rivers and streams these days, and pollution is taking such a heavy toll, that the natural increase is not enough to keep up stocks in most club and public waters.

Re-stocking plans now run into millions—and this is the best time of the year to move coarse fish when they are in first-class condition to stand travelling.

From January last year 1,089,350 fish were netted, mainly from private waters, reservoirs, and trout streams, and transferred by the Severn Fishery Board to the rivers Severn, Avon, Salway, Arrow, Trent and Leam.

Berkely, Shropshire Union, Coventry, Grand Union, Oxford, and Birmingham-Worcester canals, and various Midland pools.

Before the war, when conditions were more favourable, the yearly addition to the Thames fish population, carried out by the Thames Angling Preservation Society, was often more than 200,000.



Badminton Open Championships

A meeting of the Hongkong Badminton Association was held in the S. C. M. Post Board room yesterday to discuss the holding of the Colony Championship.

It was decided to hold eight events—Senior and Junior Men's Singles and Doubles Championships, Senior and Junior Mixed Doubles, and Ladies' Singles and Doubles Championships.

Entry fees are: Senior and Junior Men's Singles, \$10; Senior and Junior Mixed Doubles, \$15; Ladies' Singles, \$5 and Ladies' Doubles, \$10. Those who wish to enter are invited to send in their names to their Club Representatives. Non-members of affiliated clubs may join the tournament by paying \$2 to become temporary affiliated members of the Association.

Mr. E. A. Oliveira (Hon. Treasurer) c/o Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

Closing date for all entries will be Friday, February 11. The Championships will commence on Monday, February 28, and it is hoped to finish them by the end of March.

Filipino Club's Annual Report

The annual general meeting of the Filipino Club will be held at the clubhouse, King's Park, on Sunday, January 30, at 1.30 p.m.

The report of the Committee for the period ended November 30, 1948, states:

The statement of accounts shows an excess of income over expenditure of \$9,625.69 compared with \$120.71 last year. The Club's financial position is quite good considering post-war conditions.

Owing to lack of response from members who were considerably in arrears with their subscriptions, a shortage of funds was felt and your Committee worked unflinchingly to devise various ways and means to raise adequate revenue. Special mention must be made of the excellent services rendered by Messrs S. F. Angeles and R. Alarcon, comprising the Tombola Committee, and Mr J. S. Castro, Hon. Treasurer and Bar Convener respectively.

The membership now totals 174. Considerable improvements including repairs, purchase of furniture, etc., were effected in the Club House due mainly to the untiring efforts of the President, Dr. J. S. Angeles, and members of the Committee.

The Club participated in the Sottal and Lawn Bowls Tournaments, the International Lawn Bowls Tournament, the Club was represented by Messrs. A. E. Coates, J. S. Angeles, L. E. Silva and D. Rozaire who were well represented and were runners-up to the winners.

During the year, Dr and Mrs Alarcon proceeded to Europe on a tour and were entertained to a luncheon party prior to their departure. Mr R. J. Manalo assumed the chairmanship and was instrumental in bringing about various improvements.

Philippine sports as well as members of the Manila golf, football and swimming teams were entertained in the club house during their tour in Hongkong. Independence Day and Rizal Day were celebrated with great success.

KBGC Bowls

The members of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club will be holding their annual "Attaboy" game on Monday, commencing at 10.30 a.m. Members are requested to give their names in as early as possible so that arrangements can be made for Uffin and tea.

The "Attaboy" game is run on similar lines to an American tournament, each rink playing every other rink, the winner being the rink with the highest number of shots "up" at the end of the day. Spoons will be presented to the winning rink.

Intending players are requested to submit their names before 10 a.m. on the day of the game so that a prompt start can be made at 10.30 a.m.

COUNTY CRICKET

Even Northants Shows A Profit

London, Jan. 26.—Northamptonshire, one of the low-placed teams in the English county cricket championship, would have operated at a loss for the season of 1948 but for a grant of £2,081 from the Cricket Board of Control in its share of the profits of the Australian team's tour.

With this gift, Northamptonshire's profit on the season was £1,414.

Yorkshire, on the other hand, reported a profit of £9,000. Gate receipts of £27,000 and members' subscriptions of £18,000 were recorded. England Captain Norman W. Yardley will continue to lead the Yorkshire county side.—Associated Press.

FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Smother Play Will Improve Your Game

♠ J 10 7 4 2	♥ K 5 3
♦ 9 8	♣ A K 10
♠ A K 5	♥ A K 10
♦ 9 8	♣ A K 10
♠ A Q 8	♥ A K 10
♦ 9 8	♣ A K 10
♠ A Q 8	♥ A K 10
♦ 9 8	♣ A K 10
♠ A Q 8	♥ A K 10
♦ 9 8	♣ A K 10

Tournament—E-W vul.
South West North East
1 ♠ 3 ♠ 3 ♠ 3 ♠
2 ♠ 3 ♠ 3 ♠ 3 ♠
3 ♠ 3 ♠ 3 ♠ 3 ♠
4 ♠ 3 ♠ 3 ♠ 3 ♠
Opening—♥ K

BY WILLIAM E. McKENNEY

THIS is the second of the five articles on the fascinating, but difficult smother play. As I said yesterday, the smother play not only is rare, but it is one of the most difficult plays to recognize. However, it is a principle of the game. It will help to improve your game, as it teaches you how to strip a hand out, the theory of the end-play and other important features of good play.

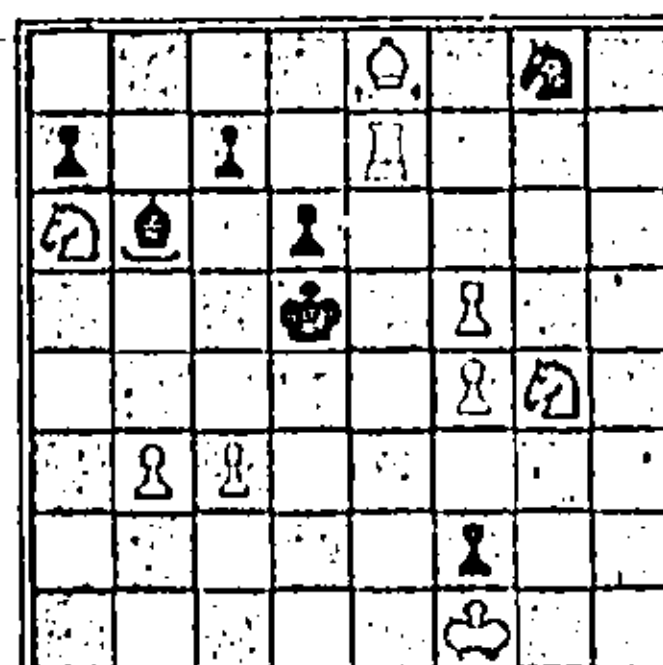
In today's hand East has four spades to the king, while dummy has only three. How are we going to keep East from making a spade trick? Here is the procedure.

The king and ace of hearts are cashed by East, and declarer trumps the third heart. The jack of spades is led, naturally East refuses to cover and it holds. Declarer then leads the four of spades and finesse the queen. Now for the smother play. Declarer must cash the ace and king of diamonds in dummy, and ruff out the last heart. His next play is to win the two club tricks with his ace and king, then lead the five of clubs and West wins.

West has nothing left but the queen and jack of diamonds. But he has underlined the cards remaining in all four hands. When the queen of diamonds is led, it is trumped by declarer with the nine of spades. If East trumps with the king, dummy's ace will win the trick. If East plays the eight of spades, declarer will throw off dummy's four of clubs and the nine of trumps wins the trick. Dummy's ace of trumps then wins the last trick.

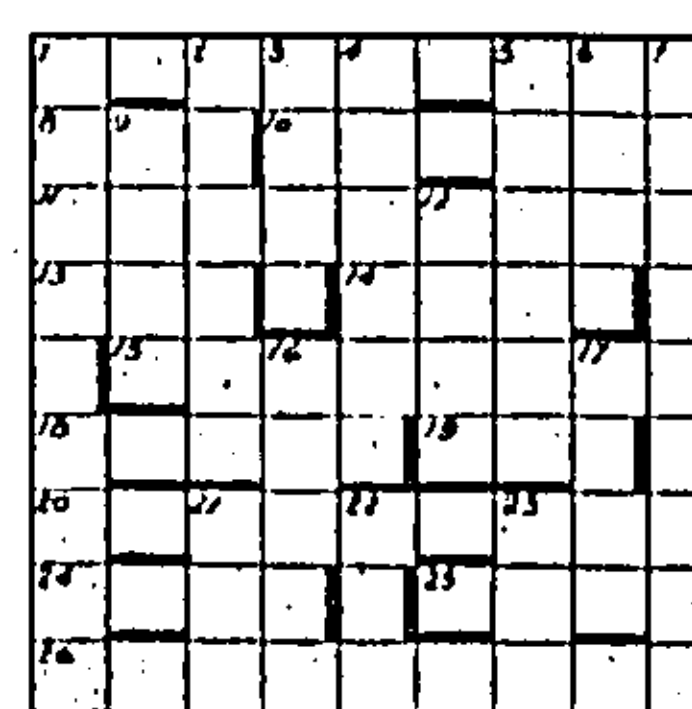
CHESS PROBLEM

By A. K. ELWORTHY
Black, 7 pieces.



White, 9 pieces.
Write to play and mate in two.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. R-K5, any; 2. Q, or B mates.

CROSSWORD



- Across
1. It's a cat, but some would say it was an ill-natured woman. (4)
2. So this was a composer. (3)
3. Anything this should get around. (4)
4. The archer loves this. (6, 3)
5. Half a drum. (3)
6. Seaport of Japan. (4)
7. This place is found in it and it is found in this place. (8)
8. Condemn. (4)
9. Japanese gold coin. (4)
10. Hindrance. (4)
11. It could be a basement. (4)
12. Witnessed. (4)
13. Threw lens in this direction. (10, 4)
Down
1. A coin used for the keeper. (4)
2. A sailor and a bee you may often meet on the road. (4)
3. Am thus returning for a book. (4)
4. Surely that the animal is found. (4)
5. How bitter it is. (4)
6. Free to move in it and it is found in it. (10, 4)
7. Pack away. (4)
8. Financed with blood. (4)
9. Something you may like to stand. (4)
10. Obviously this is not repeated. (4)
11. This son is someone. (3)
12. Not the reverse carried. (3)
13. Born. (4)

Solution of yesterday's puzzle—Across:
1. A cat. 2. A sailor and a bee. 3. Am thus returning for a book. 4. Surely that the animal is found. 5. How bitter it is. 6. Free to move in it and it is found in it. 7. Pack away. 8. Financed with blood. 9. Something you may like to stand. 10. Obviously this is not repeated. 11. This son is someone. 12. Not the reverse carried. 13. Born.

DUMB BELLS



Check Your Knowledge

- What is Irving Berlin's native country?
- How many times was Benjamin Disraeli Prime Minister of England?
- What was George Washington's middle name?
- From what ore is aluminium manufactured?
- What city is called the "City of Bells"?
- Name the first bird mentioned in the Bible.

(Answers in Column 4)

BOYS AND GIRLS MAGAZINE

General Tin Went Hunting

—He Was After a Mysterious Monster—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, found their friend General Tin, the Tin Soldier, sitting by the playground door with his trusty musket over his shoulder. "We haven't seen you in the last couple of days," Hanid said. "Where were you?"

"I was out hunting," the General replied. "Now General Tin was the best hunter that Knarf and Hanid (or perhaps anyone else) ever knew. So they asked him to tell them about his latest hunting adventure."

"Well," he said presently, "this was a terrible monster I hunted this last time. It ran screaming and smothering through the night and I made up my mind to catch it. Knarf asked what the name of this monster might be."

Shot Out Sparks

"That's just it," said General Tin. "I don't know what its name is. It shot out sparks and smoke as it raced along. It was more like a dragon than anything else. Yes sir, I guess that's what it was—a dragon!"

"I had been hearing it for several nights," he continued, "coming somewhere behind the hills. I could see the sparks and smoke shooting up to the sky, and I could hear it snorting and screaming. I had never hunted a dragon before but I decided at once that it couldn't be any fiercer than a cage full of lions. And a cage full of lions doesn't frighten me a bit."

"So I shook my musket to make sure it was loaded, and off I went behind the hills. In a little while I came to a place where I knew it had been."

"How did you know?" Knarf asked.

"When Reggie was got over his surprise, he too, being Major down the steep slope to where Rex is still waiting in their boat. The twins are delighted to see the little girl, and listen eagerly to Rupert's account of all that has happened. 'Good gracious, what an escape you've had!' cries Rex. 'We'd better hurry away before the giant catches us.' But Rupert laughs. 'Why hurry?' he chuckles. 'The giant doesn't know we've been right inside his castle. He hasn't had a glimpse of any of us.'"

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UNUSUAL ANGLES:

MADCAP COIFFURIST'S HAIR-DOS FOR MEN

By JOHN ROSENBURG

MARK, New York's madcap coiffurist, has originated hair styles for men which he says will be a boon to those who have bald spots, long noses, protruding ears and misshapen heads.

The hair styles, he said, eliminate the need of wearing a hat and also make it possible for a man to care for his hair at home.

"These styles are not as elaborate as those worn by some of the famous stars," Mark said. "They are designed to accentuate the shape of the face and to reduce the prominence of cranial imperfections."

He said the hair styles fall into three general classifications: (1) The Personality Hair-do; (2) The Artistic Hair-do and (3) The Hair-do to Make Your Face Distinctive.

"These styles, naturally, must fit each individual face," Mark explained. "The same type of hair style cannot be adopted by every man."

The Personality Hair-do, he said, should be worn by the "athletic type" of male. It has that casual wind-blown effect and features hair that is short on the sides and long on top.

"The Artistic Hair-do," Mark continued, "is swirled elaborately about the head, set in waves and hangs over one eye. Sometimes, depending on the length of the face, it is shaped to hang long at the back of the head and curled up at the ends."

For the Hair-do to Make Your Face Distinctive, Mark recommended a trend to the hair styles of Revolutionary days "with some modern touches, of course."

He advocated wider use of the Widow's Peak (bringing the hair-line to a sharp point at the center of the forehead) and longer sideburns with the ends curled forward toward the corners of the eyes.

"Men with long noses," Mark said, "should wear short bangs, while men with bald spots at the top of the head should let their hair grow out at the sides and in back, then bring it over the bald spot with an upswEEP."

Mark said that men with protrusions at the back of the skull could easily let their hair grow to shoulder length, at the back and sides to cover the defect. Ditto for those with large ears.

"I charge \$25 for the entire job," he said. "This includes a style consultation, during which I sketch the hair-do, and three visits to trim and shape the hair."

He said that once the hair styles were shaped the wearer could trim the ends and set it himself when necessary.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers

- Russia.
- Twice.
- He had no middle name.
- Bauxite.
- Strasbourg, France.
- The raven. (Gen. VIII.7).

YOUR BIRTHDAY

By STELLA

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

BORN today, you are a true individualist and never will try to do things as they always have been done. While abiding by any convention you consider a good one, you will want to make progress in the world by making innovations. You are very ambitious and let nothing stand in the way of getting what you want out of life.

Fortunately, what you want, usually is something good and consequently there will be a lot of people who will help you along the way to success. If you were a less independent person, this might make you too easy-going. But you are quick to grasp opportunities offered by others and often will make more of them than was expected.

You must, however, avoid a certain amount of self-vanity. Self-confidence is the fibre of success but if you become boastful of your early successes you may find new ones more difficult to achieve.

You have a popular personality and unconsciously draw people into your own orbit. Being a natural leader, you will need to make sure that you are always leading in the right and proper direction!

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Avoid excesses and use moderation in forcing any issue. Determined efforts on your part make for success.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Tact and diplomacy in handling people of importance can further your own interests eventually.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—A decision made on the score of friendship will be a lasting one and bring future happiness to you.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—A new romantic friendship or a marriage offer may be made today. Peace and harmony should be yours.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—If making purchases, be sure that you are not over-extravagant. Thrift is to be encouraged just now.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Recognition for past endeavours should come your way. Be prepared to accept them; plan new endeavours.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—If you are alert to opportunity, real luck may be yours. Miss it—and you will have only yourself to blame.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Be forward and positive in what you want and you can get it. Follow up all yesterday's advantages.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Emotions are in the foreground right now. New friends or an old friend may turn unexpectedly into a romance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—If considering a contract covering a new business opportunity, this may be the day to decide.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—General improvement over all. Follow up yesterday's lead. If it points to romance, then act.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—A slow day. Guard your resources and your health. Slow and easy will win today's race.

BY FRED HARMAN

RED RYDER

High and Dry



FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

US Steel Industry Expecting Record Output During 1949

New York, Jan. 26.—America's steel mills are geared to turn out more steel in 1949 than ever before in war or peace, trade leaders told the United Press. In the closing weeks of last year the industry operated at a rate of 84,000,000 tons a year. While industry spokesmen discount chances of reaching that figure this year, many feel that 1949 output will exceed 92,000,000 tons, barring labour difficulties in their own or allied fields.

Tonnage output in 1948 reached a peacetime peak of approximately 88,300,000 tons of ingots and steel for castings, which represented an estimated 93.7 percent of capacity. This was the third greatest production in the industry's history. In 1944, during the war, production reached the all-time peak of 89,041,000 tons, or 95.5 percent of that year's capacity, and in 1943 it totalled 88,336,521 tons, or 98.1 percent of capacity.

The 1948 operating rate, which is well behind that of 1943, despite comparable production figures, reflects directly the industry's huge post war expansion programmes, which involve the expenditure of \$1,700,000,000. In the past 10 years, according to the American Iron and Steel Institute, steel capacity has increased 17.5 percent or more than 14,000,000 tons.

The 1949 outlook, according to industry spokesmen, is more steel for everybody, though it will be by no means "plentiful."

U.S. car manufacturers, who topped the 5,000,000-unit mark this year for the first time since 1929, may be able to better that figure in the coming twelve months. The oil and gas industries, which will have spent \$10,000,000,000 on post-war expansion by 1952, when their programmes are completed, need expect no cutbacks in their steel supplies. Since the end of the war these fuel industries have poured vast quantities of steel into the 25,000 miles of pipeline alone which have been placed in operation.

These three industries, together with manufacturers of heating furnaces, diesel engines, and tractors, have taken more than 20 percent of finished steel output since the end of World War II.

Allocations to domestic users will be helped sharply by the unexpected progress shown during the year in French, British, Belgian and German steel production.

A by no means unimportant consideration in the 1949 picture is labour. While Philip Murray's contract with U.S. Steel does not expire until April 30, 1950, the agreement may be reopened on wages this coming July and the current dispute could strike if a wage dispute exists. The industry is ready for a "fourth round," but is uneasy about "how much."

John L. Lewis's mine workers, of course, are an ever present threat. Bituminous contracts run out on June 30, but may be terminated earlier on 30 days' notice—United Press.

HONGKONG SHARES

The turnover on the Stock Exchange this morning was \$255,000. Transactions and noon prices were as follows:

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
HK Bank	1620	1805	30 @ 150
East Asiatic	1345	1345	10 @ 370
INSURANCES			
Canton	375	375	2 @ 730
Union	700	515	
Underwriters	203		
SHIPPING			
Asia Mailing	1.65	500 @ 1.65	
DOCKERS, ETC.			
K. Wharf (Q)	140		
K. Wharf (N)	140		
Dock	1650	30	
Provident	1650	1050	
LIQUIDATED			
HK Hotel	1515	1520	2000 @ 15.60
HK Land	70	65	1000 @ 1.90
Shai Land	3.05	3.05	1000 @ 3.25
			1000 @ 3.50
Humphreys (N)	13		
UTILITIES			
Tram	21.30	200 @ 21.30	
Peak Tram (Q)	20	130	100 @ 130.15
Star Ferry	15	15.20	1000 @ 15.10
C. Light (Q)	11	11.15	200 @ 10.10
C. Light (N)	11	11.15	
Electric	305	40	500 @ 40.15
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	405	415	200 @ 40.15
Rene	21		
STOICES, ETC.			
Dairy (Q)	445	45	1000 @ 44.15
Dairy (N)	44	44	600 @ 41
Watson (Q)	57	58.15	50 @ 57
Watson (N)	57	58.15	
COTTONS			
Ewo	9.70	500 @ 9.75	
			522 @ 9.70

N.Y. FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Argentine Peso (Official)	US\$0.2371
Brazil	2.273
Canada	0.660
France	0.2215
Belgium	0.2215
China	0.2215
India	0.2215
Japan	0.2215
Malaya	0.2215
Netherlands	0.2215
Philippines	0.2215
Portugal	0.2215
South Africa	0.2215
Sweden	0.2215
Switzerland	0.2215
Uruguay	0.2215
Venezuela	0.2215
Yokohama	0.2215
London	0.2215
Shanghai	0.2215

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unit of exchange market this morning at the following rates:	
Sterling pound note (per £1)	15.50
U.S. dollar (per \$1)	1.15
Gold bars (per 100)	318.00
Gold bars (per 100)	3.80
Gold bars (per 100)	34.40
Gold bars (per 100)	31.50
Gold yuan (per yuan)	0.22

Wheat Talks Open

Washington, Jan. 26.—Representatives of 50 nations including for the first time Russia and Argentina met in Washington today to attempt to draw up a new international wheat agreement.

The United States Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Charles Brannan, told the conference that the presence of representatives of so many nations "reflects the growing realization of the need for international co-operation in solving specific economic problems."

"I am confident that if we work together in a spirit of mutual economic interests tempered by international understanding we can work out an agreement which will benefit the people of all the world," he said.

Mr Churchill's Commons Speech On Palestine Problem

"ASTOUNDING MISHANDLING" BY MR BEVIN

Policy Of Folly Stupidity And Fatuity

London, Jan. 26. — Mr Winston Churchill attacked the Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin, for his "astounding mishandling" of the Palestine problem.

Speaking after Mr Bevin in the debate on Palestine and the Middle East in the House of Commons today, Mr Churchill said that in the spirit of the general policy which Mr Bevin had pursued, the Opposition had supported him and they did not withdraw that support at the present time.

"It is on this basis and with this background that we are forced to consider his astounding mishandling of the Palestine problem," Mr Churchill declared.

"We feel that this has been so gross and glaring that we should fail in our duty if we did not expose it in the plainest terms, and we shall not only do that in debate but we shall support our criticism in the lobby" (vote against the Government).

"No one ever made such sweeping declarations of confidence in himself on this point than Mr Bevin and no one has been proved by events to be more consistently wrong at every moment than he has."

"Every opportunity for obtaining a satisfactory settlement was thrown away immediately after the war."

"The Government have always been one or two and sometimes three steps behind the march of events in this matter. There never has been, in my belief, the slightest appreciation of the Palestine problem by the Foreign Secretary."

"I am quite sure he will have to recognise the Jewish Government and that cannot be long delayed."

"I do not feel any great confidence that the Foreign Secretary has not got a prejudice against the Jews in Palestine. We have so managed our affairs as to find ourselves ranged on the opposite side to the United States and Soviet Russia, to the Palestine settlers and their Zionist supporters all over the world, without doing the slightest service to the Arabs."

"We seem to have deprived ourselves of all the fruits of the past. We ought not to grudge a fair share of the deserts of the Negev to the Jews."

BEVIN'S RASH BET

"There is in the Negev, at least, an opportunity and, indeed, a hope of affording a refuge to the survivors of the Jewish communities who have been massacred in so many parts of Europe."

Referring to Mr Bevin's statement some time ago that he would state his political reputation of settling the Palestine problem, Mr Churchill said: "No more rash bet has ever been recorded in the annals of the British turf."

Mr Bevin: "Was it a greater bet than you undertook when you went after Denikin and Kolchak?" Mr Churchill: "I certainly did not stake my political reputation upon the success of those generals, would have, but I think the day will come when it will be recognised, not only on one side of the House, but throughout the civilised world, that the strangling of Bolshevism at its birth would have been an untold blessing to the human race."

Mr Churchill said that the Government had rejected the Anglo-American recommendations.

Mr Bevin: "We accepted the 10 points. Mr Truman accepted one—the 100,000 (immigrants into Palestine)."

Mr Churchill added that no agreement was reached upon this issue. The Government, he said, had also refused to allow the United Nations Commission to enter the territory of Palestine until a fortnight before the termination of the mandate.

"This is due not only to the mental inertia and lack of grit on the part of the Ministers concerned, but also I am afraid on a very strong direct streak of bias and prejudice on the part of the Foreign Secretary."

"The course he took led directly and inevitably to a trial of strength and the result was the opposite, I believe, to what he expected. I will not say more than that."

FORMIDABLE SPECTACLE

Mr Churchill said he certainly felt that the spectacle of Jewish settlements being invaded from all sides, from Syria, Transjordan and Egypt, with a lot of British tanks and modern tackle, was on the face of it formidable.

He believed such a combination would fall to pieces at the first attack and he adhered to the estimate he had formed in the war as to the fighting qualities and tough fibre of the Zionist community and the support it would obtain from Zionists all over the world.

"Our influence is therefore at a minimum as a result of our improvident diplomacy. I hope later on a truer appreciation of the Zionist debt to this country will revive."

"But for the present we seem to have deprived ourselves of all the fruits of peace. Moreover, the Foreign Secretary and his policy has been the worse policy for the Arabs. I am sure we could have agreed immediately after the war to a partition scheme which would have been more favourable to the Arabs."

The Prime Minister (Mr Clement Attlee): "If you thought you could have done that why didn't you do it after the war. You were in power."

MISCALCULATIONS

Mr Churchill: "Because the nation and the world had the inestimable blessing of your guidance." He added: "We are evidently in the presence of prolonged, repeated and serious miscalculations on the part of the Foreign Secretary and his advisers and colleagues."

Both Jews and Arabs must have access to the Red Sea through the Gulf of Akaba, he said. This had figured in most of the partition schemes and it should be possible to reconcile competing claims for justice.

He did not intend to try to judge whether the Government were right in the prevailing circumstances and in the aftermath of the evacuation of Palestine to send armed British forces to Akaba.

Mr Churchill said he agreed that Britain could not disinter itself in the fate of Transjordan in view of her obligations and her treaty.

"I should not like to see us repeat in Transjordan the behaviour we have adopted in respect of our treaty obligations with the Indian princes and particularly with the Nizam of Hyderabad."

The act of sending forces to Akaba was an aspect of decision unusual in recent British policy in Palestine, he said.

"I hope that having gone there we shall stay there and keep an ample margin of forces there until the whole question has been finally decided by the United Nations and until their award has been accepted and obeyed by both Jews and Arabs."

POLICY OF FOLLY

"But we feel bound to make our protests and to dissociate ourselves from a policy of folly, stupidity and fatuity the like of which it is not easy to find in modern experience and for which the Foreign Secretary and the present Cabinet are responsible."

Mr Churchill then complained that RAF pilots were sent out on reconnaissance flights in conditions which exposed them to the greatest danger.

A cease fire was to take place that afternoon yet in the morning the Government—the Prime Minister properly took full responsibility—sent a reconnaissance into the battle or fighting area of RAF planes which had been flying earlier in conjunction with Egyptian planes which were hostile to the Jewish forces.

"We had to endure the affront and injury in which two young airmen lost their lives and when we turned to seek redress from the United Nations or the Commissions on the spot or other nations for sympathy we were asked why we should go over this area at the very moment of the cease fire."

"Why were not the special United Nations Commission, aeroplanes painted white and known to both sides as neutral?" Mr Churchill asked.

It was said that the Americans had encouraged Britain to find out what was going on. Even if that was true, the reconnaissance was unnecessarily risky.

NOT IMPECCABLE

If he criticised the British Government, it was by no means to declare that the attitude of the United States had been impeccable in this matter, Mr Churchill said.

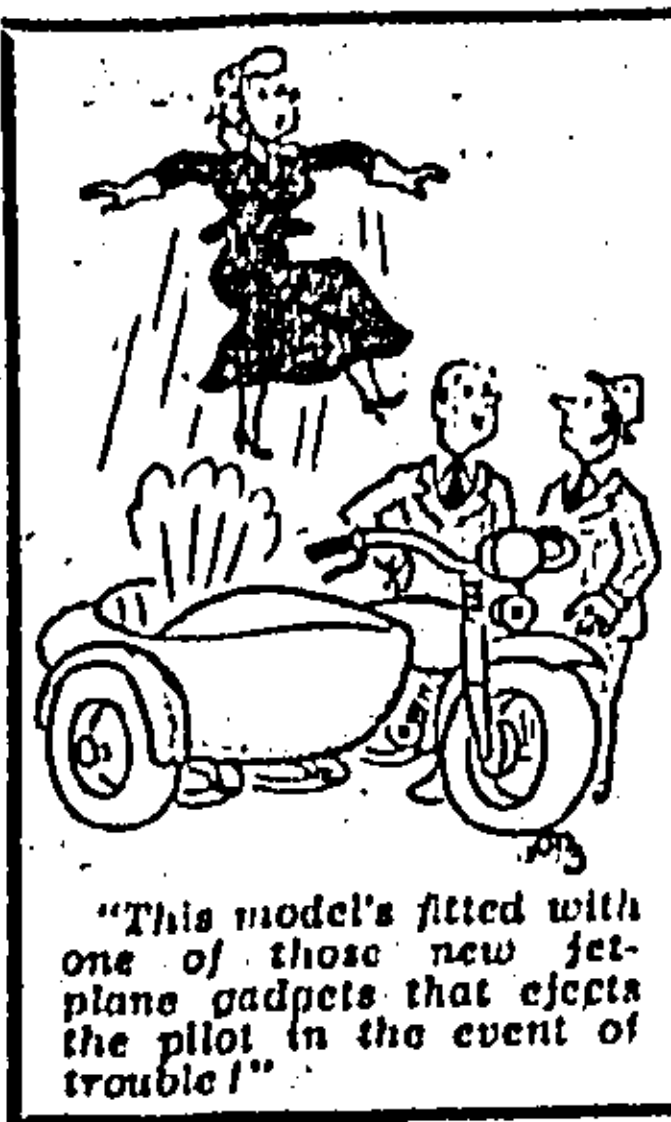
"Considering the sentiment and interest they have in Palestine, they should have come to our aid two or three years ago."

If the British policy had been well and wisely conducted and contacts made, he believed Britain could have had American assistance as an alternative to the evacuation.

After referring to the question of the Arab refugees which certainly involved much human suffering, Mr Churchill said the one great remedial measure was peace and a lasting settlement.

Once fighting had stopped and some kind of partition was arranged, he did not think there would be any difficulty in the great bulk of the refugees returning to do the work

POCKET CARTOON



CHINESE NEW YEAR ATTRACTION

QUEEN'S & ALHAMBRA

ESTHER WILLIAMS (in a strong) ON AN ISLAND WITH YOU

It's M-G-M's Ripe Sweet hula-happy color by TECHNICOLOR Musical!

PETER LAWRENCE (in a strong) RICHARD MONTALBAN (in a strong)

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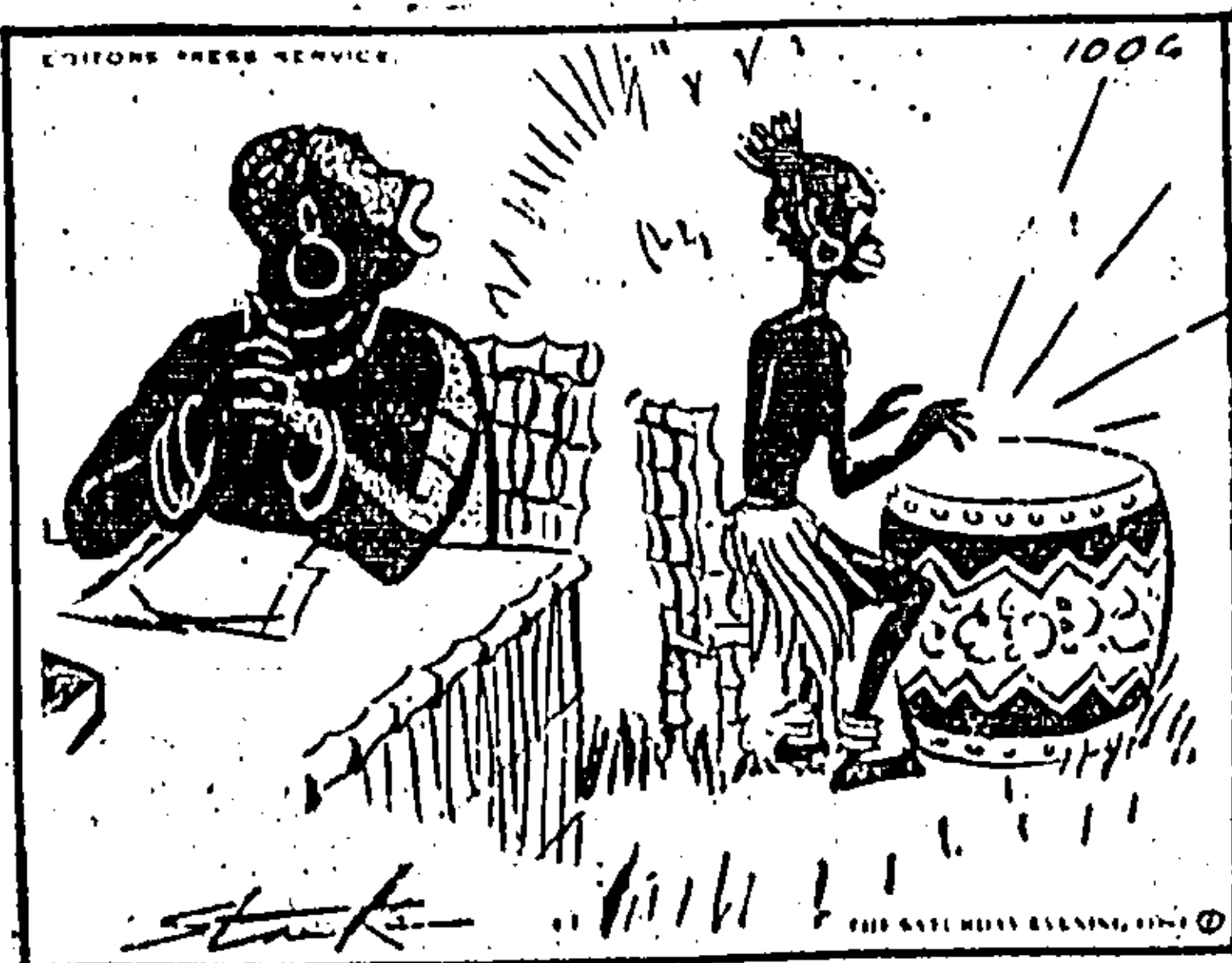
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A SEAT IN THE STALLS

Some New Faces In British Films

By H. H. WOLLENBERG

TO avoid casting the same actors in the same types of roles, it is essential to have as wide a choice of talent as possible so that film characters may be given the best possible interpretation by actors best fitted to take that part, instead of being merely cast because they have played similar parts quite well in the past.

A character in a film is not a celluloid puppet, but an individual and must be presented to the public as such.

Casting, therefore, is a very important point for the success of a film and it is a point that has been fully realized by Britain's film makers.

With large reserves of stars and featured players of the screen at their disposal, as well as talent from the theatres, large or small, throughout the country, Britain's film producers have a fairly wide selection from which to find the ideal actor to fit a certain part.

Some actors like James Mason, Michael Redgrave, Rex Harrison, Robert Donat and John Mills, have already achieved world fame. Many of them divide their services between Hollywood and London.

Others are climbing the ladder to stardom. Their names may not yet be familiar to audiences, in, say, Latin America or India, but if their

growing popularity with United Kingdom filmgoers is anything to go by, it will not be long before they will be acclaimed wherever their films are shown.

Two such young actors have risen to fame in an extraordinarily short period. Hardly more than a year ago the name of Kieron Moore was unknown, and now he is a household name. Kieron Moore, a 23-year-old tall, dark Irishman, first acted at the famous Dublin Abbey Theatre, and then came to England to act in one or two Irish plays.

Seen By Scout

Seen by a Korda talent scout, he was signed up almost immediately for the leading male role of the Italian major-domo in "A Man About the House," the screen adaptation of Frances Brett Young's novel. His playing of the sinister Salvatore was so good that he was given another leading role—that of a young war veteran, whose experiences have left his mind unbalanced—in "Mine Own Executioner."

Totally different again was the part he played in the Korda production of Tolstoy's "Anna Karenina," in which he was Anna's lover, Vronsky.

With these three parts Kieron Moore has worked his way to the top and is fast becoming one of Britain's most popular young stars. His next film for Korda will be "I Bought a Mountain."

John McCallum, a young Australian, was on his way to Hollywood, when he stopped in Britain to gain some experience in repertory and the Shakespearean stage. His first screen role was in Gainsborough's "The Root of All Evil," but he jumped to fame in Ealing's "The Loves of Joanna Godden," in which he played a farmer. His next part was that of an escaped convict in "It Always Rains on Sunday," and in "Miranda" he appeared as a painter.

Britain's Royal Air Force was responsible for Richard Attenborough's rise to screen stardom. His studies in London at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art were interrupted when he was called up, but when young men were wanted to play in the R.A.F. film "Journey Together," Richard Attenborough was chosen to play the part of the young pilot.

Film producers sat up and took notice of the sincere, good-looking young actor, and it was not long before he was able to resume his chosen career. Picture followed picture in quick succession, and Richard became a star in such films as "The Man Within," "School for Secrets" and "Brighton Rock." "The Guinea Pig," in which he plays the part of a poor boy sent to an expensive public school as an experiment—is his latest film.

This activity was made possible by a grant of dollars from the Rockefeller Foundation of New York.

REPLACING BOOKS

Everywhere there is an acute shortage of medical publications. In scores of cities of Europe and the Far East libraries in universities and hospitals were destroyed during the war.

Even when new books are published the paper shortage limits their circulation.

The idea of filming medical journals began during the war when micro-films were shipped and later flown to Cairo.

On the 35 millimetre film each page comes out as an oblong 24 millimetres by 18. One thousand four hundred pages can be recorded on 100 feet of film. The "print" is too small to see with the naked eye, except for the title pages, but when the film is passed through the reading "box" it is enlarged to about the same size as a magazine page.

The film journals are packed in tins for despatch to foreign universities and medical institutes.

"We are turning out about 17,000ft. a week," an official told me.

"Modest Michael"

"MODEST MICHAEL" is the way Michael Wilding is described. Three years ago his name did not even figure in the popularity polls; today it is second only to John Mills.

It was as Anna Neagle's partner in "Piccadilly Incident," "The Courtneys of Curzon Street" and "Spring in Park Lane" that he established himself as one of the most charming of leading men on the British screen, but it was in the screen version of Oscar Wilde's "An Ideal Husband" that he proved himself an actor of the first order. And to crown it all, he has just been cast as leading man to Ingrid Bergman in "Under Capricorn," the film she is making in Britain with Hitchcock.

Making a name for himself in light comedy is David Tomlinson. Playing small parts in films be-

fore the war, his career was interrupted when he joined the R.A.F. His first postwar films were "I See a Dark Stranger," "School for Secrets," "Master of Bankdam" and "Fame in the Spur," but it was "Easy Money" that brought his talent for comedy to the fore.

Since then he has played in "Miranda" and will soon be seen as that famous phenomenon, the "typical Englishman abroad," who is not to be put out by language difficulties or foreign customs, in "Sleeping Car to Venice."

Among the many young actors working in British studios today the names of Robert Beatty ("Counterblast"), Derek Farr ("Black Narcissus"), Dennis Price ("Snowbound"), Dermot Walsh ("My Sister and I"), Maxwell Reed ("Daybreak"), Jimmy Hanley ("It Always Rains on Sunday"), Ronald Howard ("Bond Street"), and many others are fast becoming as familiar as those of older, more established stars, so that British film producers have an ever growing selection of talent for casting their films.

Margaret Tak's The High Road



MARGARET LEIGHTON

MARGARET LEIGHTON has been rewarded with a long-term Korda contract for her part in Bonnie Prince Charlie. Last year she was earning a modest salary with the Old Vic. She thought she lacked the looks for films. Now she has been signed as a top-line star for years to come.

The contract will bring her a fortune, compared with the money she could have earned in the theatre. But an "escape" clause in her film contract will "cuttle" her to reappear in stage plays at intervals. Her first escape period, she hopes, will take her back to the Old Vic company.

That may be after her present picture, "The Elusive Pimpernel" (again with David Niven), is finished.

MILLS FOR STAGE

John Mills is returning to the West End theatre after nearly four years in a new play by his wife, Mary Hayley Bell.

It sets out, he tells me, to stage a theme never attempted before; and he is not yet sure it can be done, dramatically or technically. What that theme is will remain a family secret until the first night. Mills is due to produce as well as star. Mills will be seen as an adventurer, forced to keep on the move. When the audience catches up with him he is in Italy.

By the time his own producing-starring picture, Wells's "History of Mr. Polly," is shown in February the new play will have been staged. If the "impossible" problems are solved.

ROPE TRICK

Alfred Hitchcock, now making film production history with his "ten-minute-takes," wants to reform film trailers, which have been alternately amusing and irritating us for 20 years. He has begun his shake-up with "Rope," the first of the ten-minute-takes (made in Hollywood).

New-look trailer for this consists of one unbroken scene which does not appear in the picture at all. It shows a young man and a girl chatting in New York's Central Park. By the time audiences see the full production the young man will be a murder victim.

The idea has fascinating possibilities. How encouraging it would be, after a trailer glimpse of Mr. X's latest production, with Miss Y repeating her two facial expressions, to be assured: "Don't worry, the scenes you have just watched are not in the film itself—and Miss Y will have disappeared before the story begins."

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To Jean—On Hearing That Lamour Is On Her Way

DOROTHY LAMOUR, the girl whose sarong made her famous, is on her way to Britain to appear in variety.

About that sarong, Dorothy claims she is fed up with it. "I never looked much in it, anyway," she says.

Now I don't believe that. Although she steps out of a sarong for her latest film, "Slightly French," and wears a bathing suit instead; that sarong has kept her in the tip-money class for over ten years.

A prophecy the old sarong will be part of her wardrobe in London—and Dorothy knows it.

In her variety sketch she will satirise her own string of tropical pictures. Title: "I'm Queen of the Hollywood Isle."

Miss Lamour may find certain competition in the sarong stakes in Britain in the next few months.

Rank is planning to move it, with Britain's first outdoor film picture in colour, "Blue Lagoon." I am glad British film-

by DAVID LEWIS

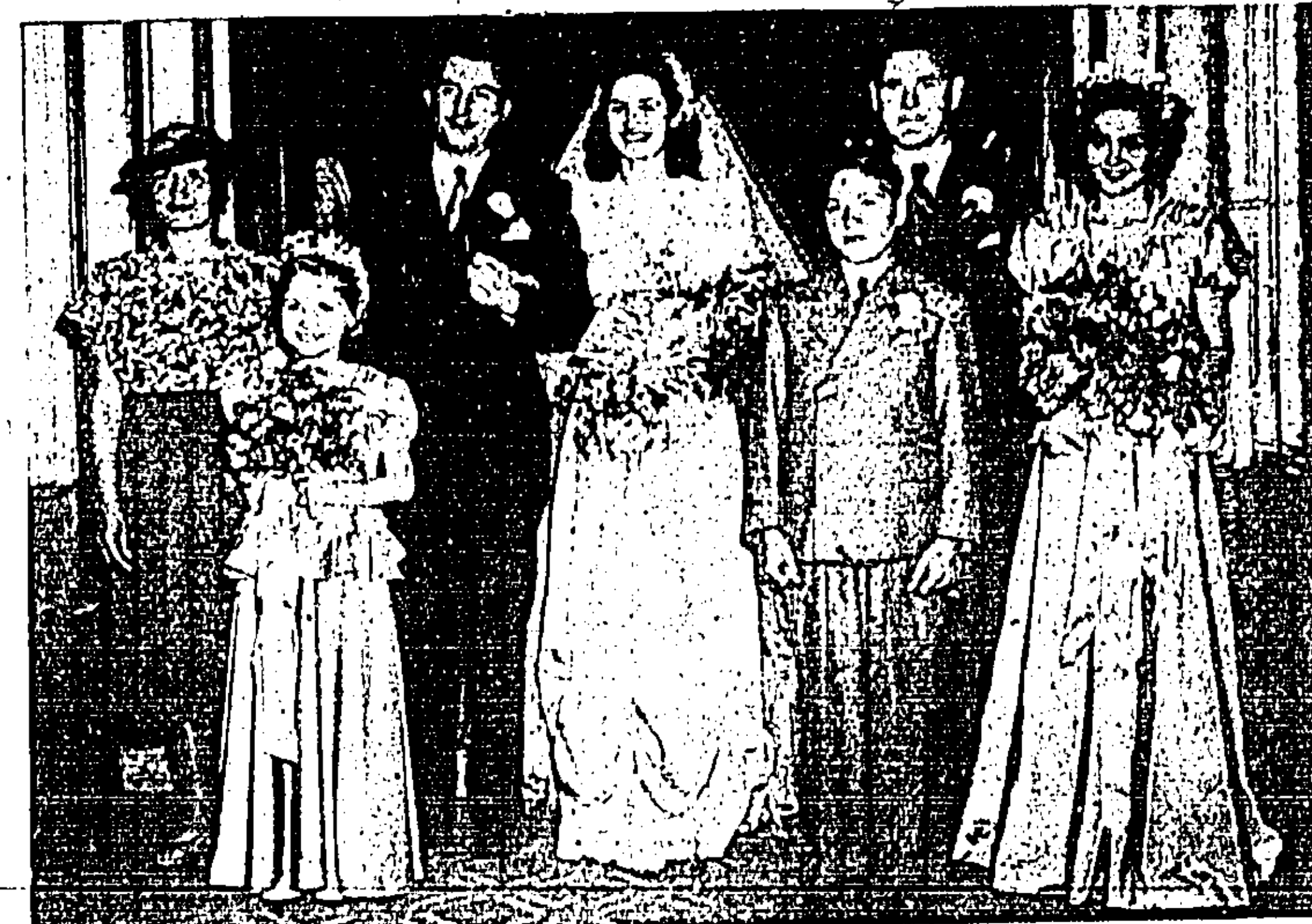
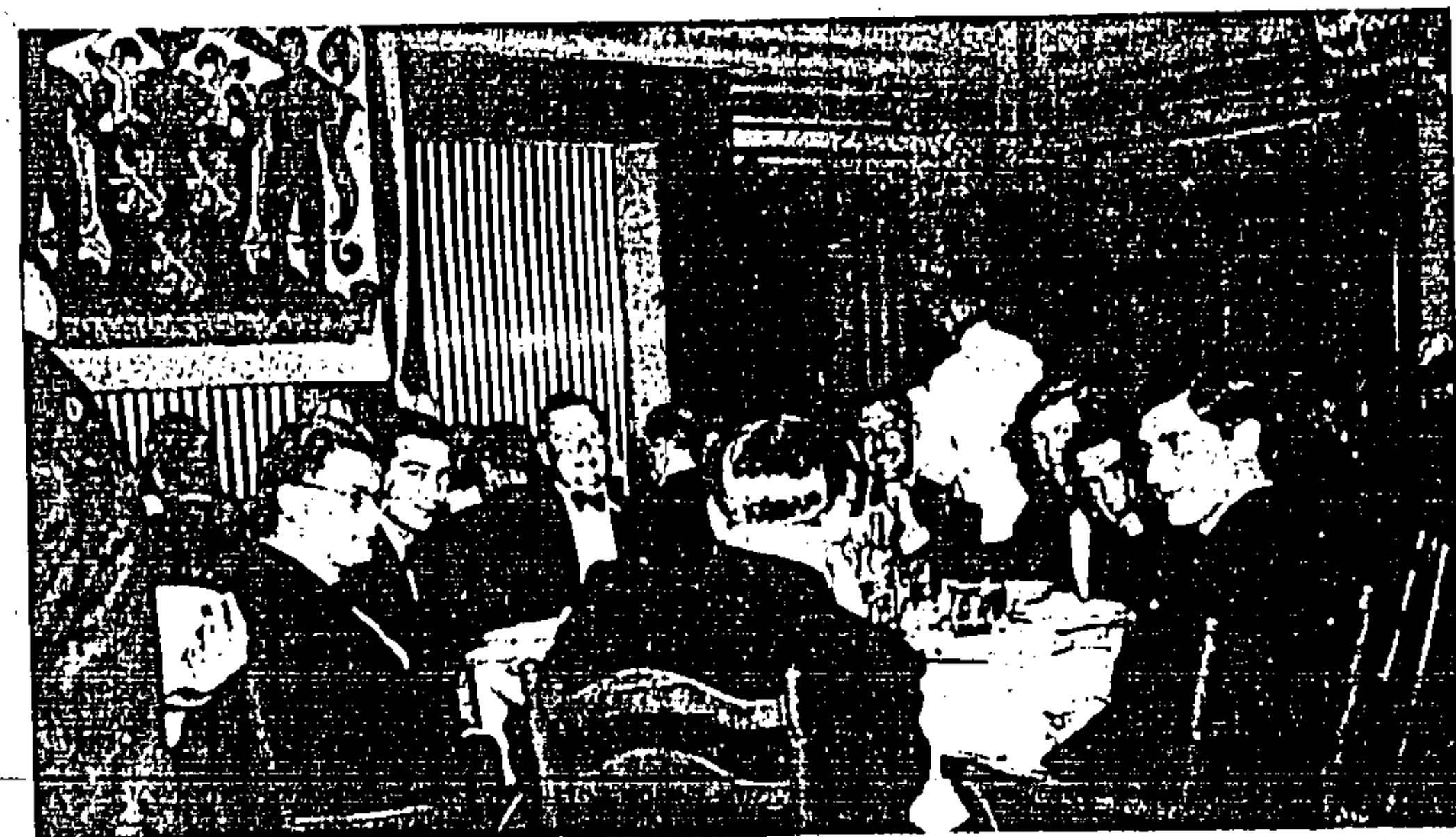


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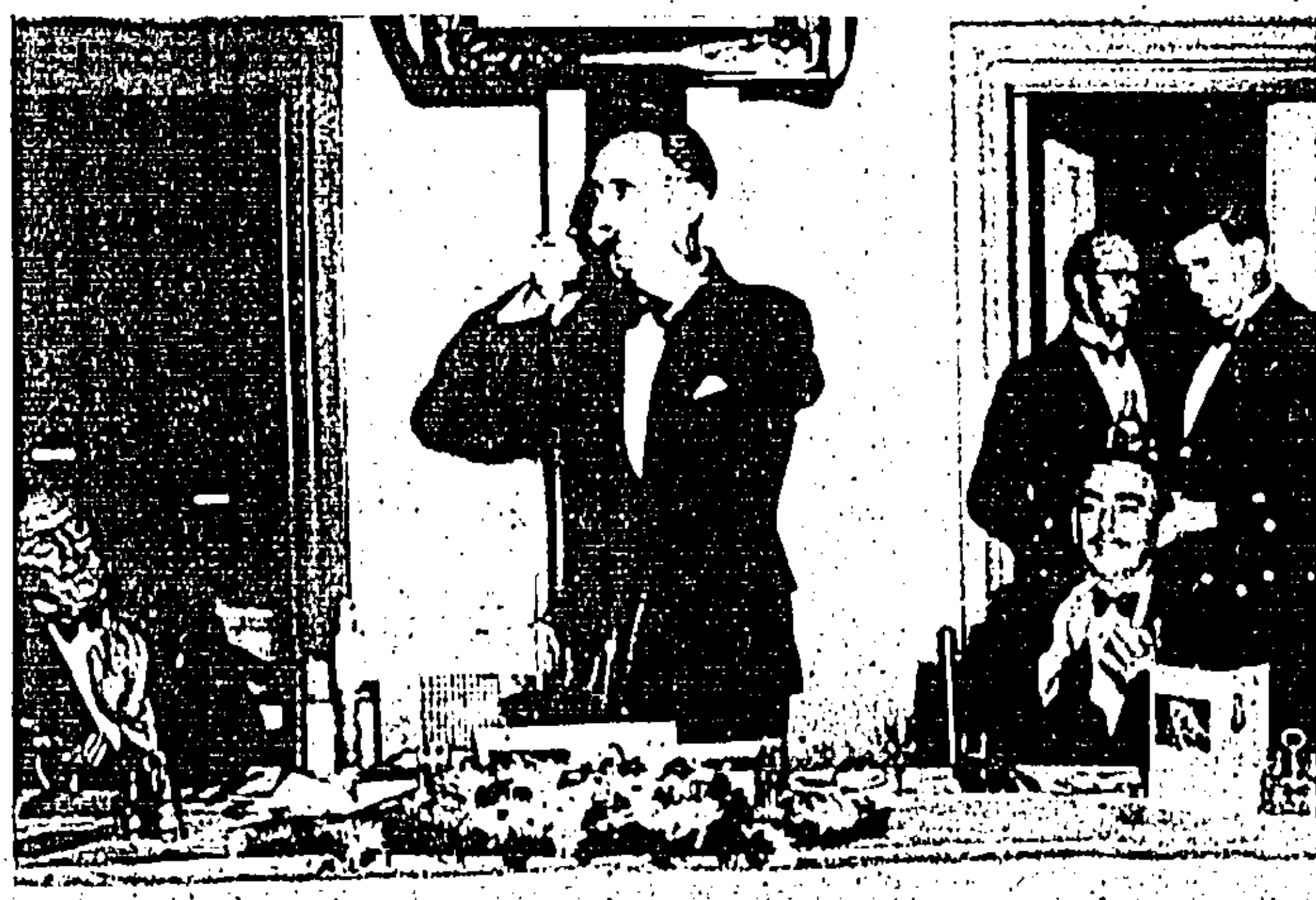


MR E. G. A. Grimwood (left), Hongkong Government representative in the United Kingdom, was entertained to dinner at the Kam Ling Restaurant on Monday evening by the Hongkong Chinese Manufacturers' Union. Above: Mr Grimwood drinks a toast with Mr Shum Choy-wah, chairman of the Union. Included in the table above are Mr E. Hims-worth, Mr U Tat-choo and Mr J. J. Cowperthwaite.

THE Taikeo Club held its annual ball last week at the Peninsula Hotel. Here are four pictures taken on the occasion. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



SCOTSMEN of Hongkong celebrated Burns Night in traditional manner at the Hongkong Hotel on Tuesday. The toast to "The Immortal Memory" was proposed by the President of St Andrew's Society, Dr J. W. Anderson, who is seen (right) taking the Barley Bree after the piping in of the Haggis. Above and below are two scenes taken during the evening. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)

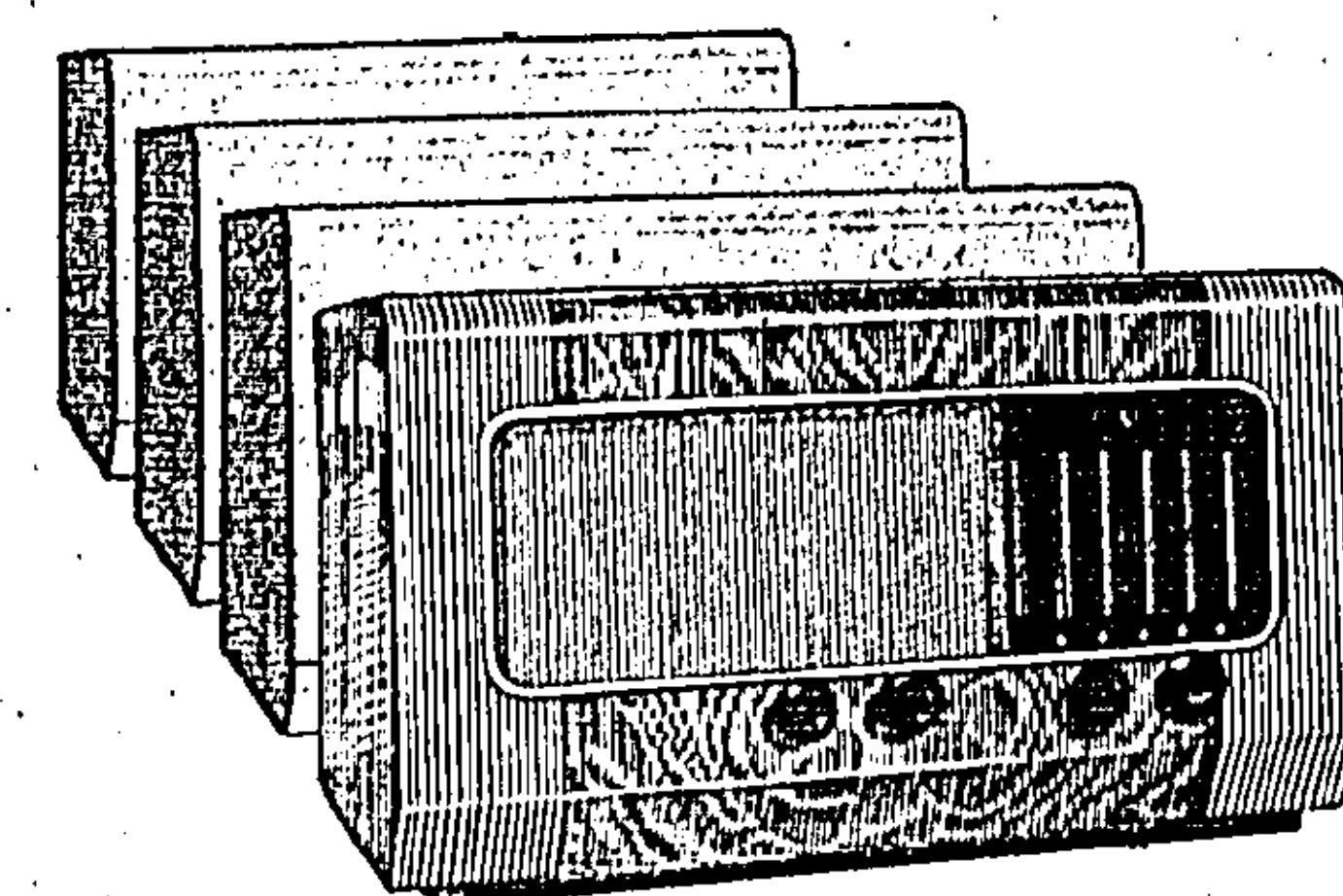


MR H. T. Liu and Miss S. On, who were married at the Catholic Cathedral on Tuesday. The Rt Rev. Henry Valtorta, Roman Catholic Bishop of Hongkong, officiated. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)

PICTURE taken at St Joseph's Church last Saturday after the wedding of Mr Fritz Meyer, managing director of Messrs W. R. Loxley and Co., Ltd., and Miss Sheila Joan Irwin. (Ming Yuen)



MR Gilbert Holdsworth photographed with his bride, the former Miss Nancy Kerrison, after their wedding at St John's Cathedral last Saturday. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



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MR H. E. Stone, who recently retired after many years here as General Manager of the Hongkong and China Gas Co., Ltd., and Mrs Stone were farewelled by the staff of the Company at a Chinese banquet. Mr and Mrs Stone are seated in centre of picture on the left. Third from right seated is Mr F. W. Goodwin, Mr Stone's successor. (Golden Studio)



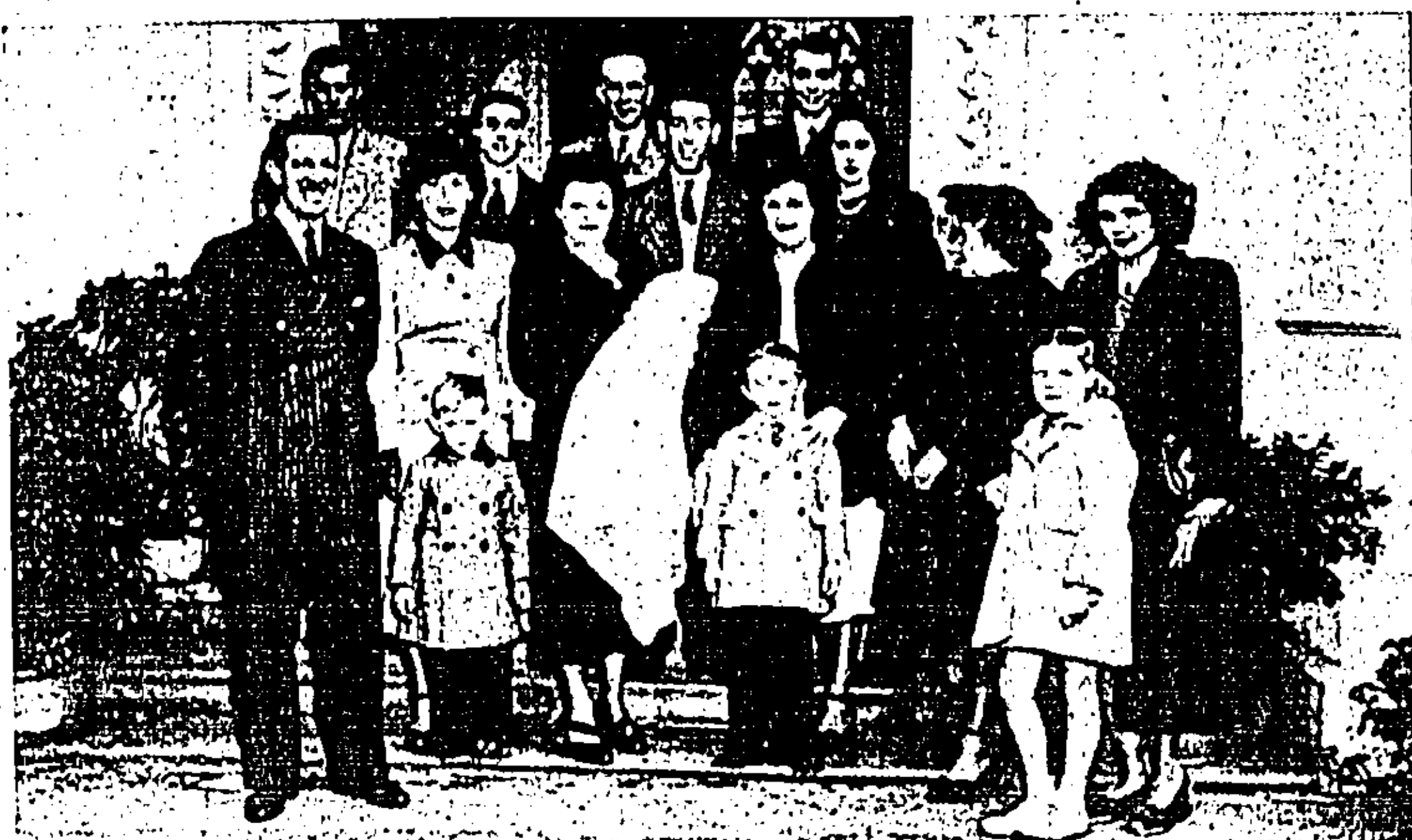
GROUP photograph taken at the residence of Mr and Mrs Kwok Chan when they entertained Colonel Sir James Sleoman, Chief Overseas Commissioner of the St John Ambulance Brigade, and other guests at dinner. Left: Mr A. di Arculli, local Commissioner, pays tribute after a wreath was laid on Tuesday at the Magazine Gap pillbox where nine St John men were beheaded by the Japanese during the war. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



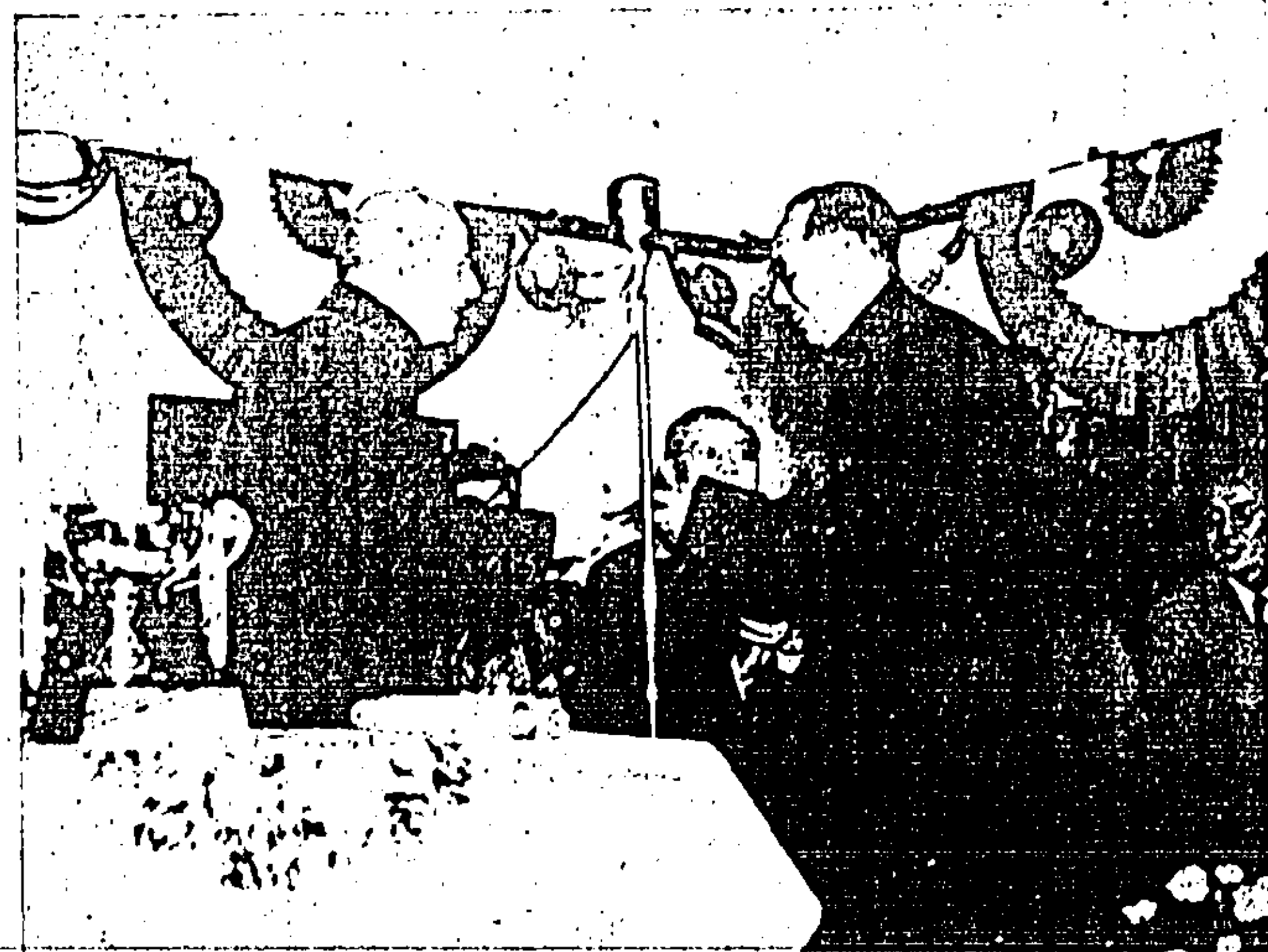
TO mark the close of the membership drive, a party was held last Saturday at the South China Athletic Association's premises at Caroline Hill. Above: Lady Lo presents pennants. Below: Sir Man-kam Lo presents a badge of merit to Mr Chan Wing-pak. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



PICTURE taken outside the Registry on Tuesday after the marriage of Mr George Knight, officer of Stanley Prison, and Mrs Alexandra Yates. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



THE christening of Caroline Lynda, infant daughter of Inspector and Mrs E. S. Thompson, took place at St John's Cathedral recently. Picture above was taken on the occasion. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



THE Hongkong Football Club's rugby team, who won the Quadrangular Tournament last Saturday. (Golden Studio)



SCENE at the Hospital Road centre of the Hongkong Council for Social Service on Monday morning, when a distribution of old clothing was made to a large number of the needy. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



TWO pictures taken on board the Ming Sung Industrial Company's motor vessel, Chi Men, on Monday when a cocktail party was given to mark the inauguration of the ship's Hongkong-Canton run. The master of the vessel, Captain H. H. Chao, is in centre of upper picture. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



PICTURE taken after the christening of David Bruco, infant son of Mr and Mrs C. J. Norman, which took place at St John's Cathedral last Sunday. (Ming Yuen)

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THE CASE OF THE HOODED MAN

IN 1912, at Lewes Assizes, John Williams was tried and convicted of the murder of a policeman at Eastbourne. He was executed. I have no doubt whatever that he was guilty, but I have equally no doubt that, in law, his conviction was unjustifiable, and inasmuch as his trial was the first occasion upon which I had appeared for the defence upon a capital charge, the result caused me the gravest disquiet.

John Williams was not his name. I was told that he was the son of a clergyman, and that he was determined that his father should never hear of the depths to which he had descended.

He was a well-set-up young man, and his speech gave every evidence of good education.

By profession he was a burglar, and he could scale the wall of a house like a cat.

Sweetheart of great beauty

At the time of his trial he was living with a young woman of remarkable beauty who was on the point of giving birth to a child, which fact formed one of the features of a somewhat unusual trial.

When prosperous Williams lived in West End hotels, where he and his companion would dine in luxury; when trade was bad he would return to the slums.

His companions were mainly criminals like himself, of whom the only one who appeared in a prominent position at the subsequent trial was a man named Power.

Difficult though it might be to discover any redeeming quality in the character of Power, it would seem to be an impossibility.

This man had posed as a close and devoted friend, who shared in many of Williams' criminal activities, while at the same time apparently nourishing a secret passion for the young woman, with whom his friend was then living, and it may well be that this suggested passion afforded the explanation of the almost inhuman betrayal of which Power was subsequently guilty.

At the date of the crime there was living in Eastbourne a lady who was locally known as the Countess.

Her house was situated in a road running up from the esplanade, and one night she saw a man on the portico.

A piece of prison bread to his child.... 'Now nobody can ever say that your father has not ever given you anything'

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Patrick Hastings K.C.

She telephoned the police, and a police officer called on the man to come down.

The only reply was a shot from a revolver and the policeman fell dead.

Eastbourne was combed for the murderer, but apparently without result, and the author of the crime might never have been traced had it not been for his subsequent betrayal, a betrayal under singularly revolting circumstances.

Power betrays his friend

A few days after the crime Power presented himself at the Eastbourne police station, where he stated that he was in a position to identify the murderer.

He said that Williams had decided to burglar the Countess's house; that he had started his journey in company with his paramour, whom he had left on a bench on the front; that he had fired his revolver—whether or not merely to frighten the policeman was not clear—and finding that the man was dead, he had rejoined the girl and confessed to what he had done.

According to Power, both became alarmed and buried the revolver in the shingle on the beach.

Having, no money, they communicated with Power, and he had helped Williams to return to London, where he had made a full confession of the crime.

Trap set for the girl

It was at once clear to the police that the character of Power was such that no jury would believe his uncorroborated evidence.

So they decided upon a scheme in which, while admirable in its ingenuity, was somewhat unpleasant in its execution, although no doubt necessitated.

The plan was rendered no more attractive by the fact that Power was of necessity a collaborator, and while the only accurate account of what was arranged was known to the police, that version which reached his ears as being derived from the girl herself, and therefore quite possibly exaggerated, was by no means attractive.

According to her she received a visit from Power immediately after his call upon the police, when he said he had come to save her and Williams.

He told her that the police knew the full story of the crime, including the fact that the incriminating revolver had been buried upon the beach, and that they were proposing immediately to retrieve it.

Accordingly, the only possible way to save Williams from the gallows would be that he, Power, should accompany her to the spot where the revolver was to be found, and that they should together dig it up and remove it.

Arrested on the beach

The position of the girl was pitiable. She was undoubtedly devoted to her lover, and she was in a condition in which the birth of her child was imminent; moreover, she believed Power to be a true, and indeed her only friend.

In consequence, she fell into the trap. The same night she and Power went down upon the beach. With little difficulty she dug up the revolver, and, on rising to her feet, found herself surrounded by police, when both she and Power were immediately arrested.

What followed next must always remain a matter for speculation as her story and that of the police did not completely tally.

According again to her version, she was told that unless she made a full confession she would be charged with murder, and that her only hope of escape was to incriminate her lover.

What, if any inducement was held out to her it is impossible to say, but the fact remained that she told the full story very much as Power had foreshadowed; and her statement was immediately recorded and signed.

Police moved swiftly

It now became obvious to the authorities that events must move quickly to prevent any possibility of the girl retracting her statement.

It was decided to entrust her to the care of a police matron, a course which, while possibly evincing a tender care, would at the same time prevent any possible communication with outside influence.

Williams was immediately arrested and brought before the magistrates, when, instead of merely formal evidence of arrest being given, as is the usual practice, the girl's evidence was given at the earliest possible moment. Treasury Counsel appeared for the prosecution, and she was taken through her statement line by line and she was only released from police supervision when her deposition had been formally given and signed.

By this time the case had aroused an enormous amount of public interest. Speculation had been first aroused by the decision of the police that Williams on his journey between the prison and the police court should envelop his face in a veil.

So the prisoner became popularly known as The Hooded Man. Power's share in the betrayal had been carefully excluded from the evidence, but some suspicion of his complicity must have leaked out.

An urgent request

Very naturally the case caused me the greatest anxiety. If the girl's story was accepted the result of the trial was a forgone conclusion; there was a suspicion and, no more than that, I was proved myself a Judas, but even if that suspicion should prove to be well founded it amounted to no more than an element of prejudice.

My anxiety was increased by the urgent request of the prisoner that I should visit him in prison.

I have always believed the practice of such visits to be most undesirable.

So many ingenious defences have been presented to the courts which obviously owe their origin to minds far more acute than that possessed by the average murderer, that it is far better that counsel should have nothing whatever to do with them and in addition, there is always the grave risk that an accused man may blurt out some statement or even confession that may seriously hamper his advocate in the conduct of his defence.

However, on this occasion I yielded to the prisoner's importunities and for the first and only time consented to visit the accused man in his cell.

Not the faintest sign of fear

Now whatever Williams' crimes and faults, he was at least unflinchingly courageous. He showed not the faintest sign of fear. He said nothing about the facts of the case except to deny that he knew anything whatever about the murder. About the girl whose evidence against him was so deadly, he spoke with nothing but kindness; but when Power's name was mentioned he stated calmly that if only he could get Power within reach for a couple of minutes there would be no necessity for anyone to defend him on a charge of murder.

I warned him that the risk of an unfavourable verdict was great, and asked him if he wished me to try for a verdict of manslaughter upon the possible ground that the shot had been fired without any intention to cause death.

He brushed the suggestion aside almost with contempt, saying he would far rather be hanged than go to prison for another year.

Sir Frederick Low K.C., prosecutor for the Crown at the trial, based his case almost entirely upon the girl's statement. He asked that the greatest possible indulgence should be extended to her, but pointed out that if her evidence was accepted the result of the case was a foregone conclusion.

Surprise at the trial

The girl was the first witness of any importance, and although desperately ill she looked very beautiful. Her first words fell like a bombshell. She could say nothing; she could give no evidence, and she knew nothing whatever about the murder.

Low at once asked for and obtained leave from the judge to cross-examine her upon her statement before the magistrates.

She was taken line by line through that statement, and, while admitting that she had made it, she said that every word was only forced from her by the terror of her arrest.

The effect of this retraction gave rise to the real problem in the trial. According to our law, a prisoner is tried upon the evidence given before the jury.

It is, of course, always permissible to cross-examine a witness by confronting him or her with a statement made on a prior occasion, but the effect of such a cross-examination is liable to be misunderstood.

As a means of discrediting the witness it may be conclusive, but it does not turn into evidence against the prisoner the contents of the statement the truth of which the witness denies.

Question of what is evidence

The result of Low's cross-examination, in my opinion, amounted to no more than this: the jury were entitled to disbelieve the witness when she stated that she knew nothing about the murder, but they were not entitled to treat as evidence the contents of her deposition before the magistrates, in which she had given a detailed account of the occurrence on the fatal night. In other words, her evidence on this part of the case was purely negative.

The cross-examination of Power was even more dramatic. Never in my life have I met a more utterly contemptible human being.

The betrayal of his friend was bad enough but the story of his treatment of the girl, also according to him his dearest friend, must have revolted everyone.

Everything he did to her was in collaboration with the police. When



Sir Patrick Hastings at the time of the trial.

he approached her with protestations of undying friendship, he knew that officers were standing almost within earshot; knowing that she was unwillingly sending her lover to the gallows, he aided her with a pretence of tender affection in her search for the fatal weapon; when he was arrested with her, he knew that his arrest was just a sham.

Taken out of the country

As the horrible story was dragged out of him, it was scarcely surprising that the wardens in the dock closed nearer to the prisoner, few would have doubted what Power's fate would have been if the two men had been allowed to meet.

When he left the witness-box one thing at least was obvious; no prisoner could ever be convicted if Power's evidence stood alone.

After the trial I heard that the police smuggled him out of the country.

The only other evidence of any importance was that of the prisoner himself. He gave his evidence well, denying that he had any part in or knew anything about the murder. His cross-examination was detailed and prolonged, but did not add very much to the general story, and when the judge summed up—apart from the girl's story before the magistrates, there was very little evidence against him.

Everything depended on the summing-up, and, in my view, the summing-up was most unfortunate. It is enough to say that the judge directed the jury that they were entitled to consider the girl's statement as evidence in the case, and, if they accepted it, to convict the prisoner. The verdict was "Guilty."

There was, of course, an appeal, but before the hearing the prisoner's child was born. The unhappy mother had no money and no friends, so my wife and I had to provide for her confinement.

The hearing in the Appeal Court was unfortunate. The Lord Chief Justice, Lord Alverstone, presided, and although it was the first and indeed the only time I ever appeared before him, I was not greatly impressed by his legal acumen.

From the outset it was apparent that he was satisfied of the prisoner's guilt, and no legal argument seemed to make the least impression upon him. Indeed, in his judgment he never referred to it.

The prisoner was guilty and that was enough. The appeal was dismissed.

The last thing I heard of Williams came from one of the prison officials. Before his execution he was allowed a visit from the mother and his child. According to the usual custom they were separated by a grille, and he was permitted to hold the baby. The warden in attendance, with a not unnatural kindness, took the child from his mother and gave it to him.

He showed no sign of emotion as he kissed it affectionately, and then pressed a small piece of prison bread into its hand, saying as he did so: "Now nobody can ever say that your father has not ever given you anything."

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Are we losing the breed of Drake?

by DON TAYLOR

HAS the youth of Britain lost the spirit of adventure? Are we, instead, breeding a new generation of "social security conscious" youngsters?

Many of those concerned in the training of young people these days believe that we are.

In a recent broadcast discussion on "Adventure," the solitary adult speaker found the youngsters who were his co-speakers united in a strong disapproval of his eulogy on the spirit of adventure.

They thought it showed lack of a sense of responsibility. It is this outlook, the product of minds reared in the belief that the State should mother them from the cradle to the grave!

SAFE BERTHS

A friend of mine, a master in a London area council school, finds, now, that boys are much more inclined to plump for careers offering a safe berth and comfortable annual increase in pay.

Letters I get asking about Empire prospects—from boys and parents—almost invariably request information about security and pensions.

Surprisingly, I get a far larger number of inquiries from men above the 30 mark—and rarely do these bother (at least in the first instance) about such things, as security.

It would seem that not only the council schoolboy is affected. The Colonial Service, which wants in the main products of the universities, has never been so short of staff.

SERVICE DRIVE

Throughout the 40 or so countries of the Colonial Empire there are jobs going in practically all branches.

So near to crisis is the service that in the next few months it is launching a drive to attract the grammar-school or public-school boy before he goes up to the university.

Now we are certainly in a desperate position if an urge for

safety and security at all costs has really taken root in the national character.

They may be factors to take into account. Our colonies largely lie in regions where—despite the advances of science—the sun and the sandstorm, the mosquito and the tsetse fly, can make life pretty tough.

But we would never have built our Empire if these obstacles had been conquered—much less shall we hold out.

DON'T BELIEVE IT

Are there really no boys lying on the docksides walls these days watching the deep-sea steamers loading, and dreaming the old, long dreams?

Do they really all want to be civil servants or employees of nationalised undertakings in safe jobs at home?

I don't believe it.

When the Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey wanted eight men last year, to spend long, lonely months in the savage wastes of the Antarctic 600 applied.

And don't forget, three Survey men recently lost their lives in that hostile world of ice.

When the East African groundnuts scheme—with all its discomforts of climate and isolation—was first launched, some 100,000 volunteered for the 2,000 or so jobs available.

'SWAMPED'

Again, I am told by both the Overseas Food and the Colonial Development Corporations that they are swamped with applications for jobs in Empire countries.

And then there are such men—and their name is legion in the British Empire—as Major W. Nell.

A lone white man with his African "boys," he has been surveying 2,000 miles of the old Nigerian slave trails in the heart of the tsetse-ridden bush, so that they can be turned into modern highways.

I wager the major didn't go very deeply into the "social security" side of it before he took on this trial of mental and physical endurance.

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HOLIDAY SOCCER

THE STAGE IS SET FOR INTERPORT THRILLS

By "SEE TEE"

Matches with the fast, nippy footballers from Saigon hold the stage for the Chinese New Year holiday. Tomorrow the match is on a full Interport basis and Hongkong meet the challenge of Saigon's best.

On Sunday, Saigon face another hard and gruelling match. They are to meet a strong Combined Chinese eleven.

League football is at a standstill over the holiday period, while three matches with the visitors from Saigon draw upon the clubs' best playing strength. Hongkong's team to meet Saigon tomorrow includes a heavier preponderance of Chinese players than ever before.

Only one serviceman, Weatherall of the Army and one other non-Chinese, Kierman of the Club, are in the chosen eleven.

It includes no Portuguese member of the St. Joseph's team, a matter for surprise indeed when one considers the continuous good form of Xavier at right-wing. If any player is likely to be missed tomorrow it is Xavier.

Another quality which may be missed tomorrow is the steadiness of a player who is used to playing as a pivot. The centre half position—well and truly termed "pivot"—is the key position in any team. Players who are used to holding it regularly, week-by-week, are the more obvious choice than one who has played brilliant yet mercurial games as wing-half or inside-forward.

Craighed is so much the obvious selection for this berth that it is the more astonishing that his name is not included even as a reserve.

TANG YEE-KIT BACK

The return of Tang Yee-kit to lead the attack remedies one of the lamentable lapses in choosing the Colony's team to play the first match with the Koreans.

Tang has always played a fast, thrustful, sharp-shooting game; he has usually been well-marked, but time and again has served his side well.

Last Saturday, at Sookunpoo, Tang Yee-kit, almost saved the game for KMB. Above all, Tang Yee-kit plays a most scrupulously clean game. Even when battling unsupported against heavy odds, with the mendacious sections of the local crowd inciting players to other things, Tang has never wavered from his own particular brand of clean football.

There are other players of the same type. Chau Mun-chi, Lau Chung-sang and Fung King-chung, to refer to only a few. There are several others who, week after week, play good clean football, serve their clubs well, and are a credit to association football.

Why more players of this quality are not included in representative teams is a matter for astonishment. Perhaps it is enough that virtue is its own reward.

Nevertheless, it is to be hoped that all these matches with Saigon will prove happy, holiday occasions. There is no reason at all why Chinese New Year should not be celebrated with three exciting games of football.

STRONG TEAM

Saigon are bringing a strong team. Their speedy trickiness and excellent ball control pleased us no end in their last visit nearly two years ago. They had the knack of tearing away suddenly from a defensive pose, straight into a most thrustful attack. Here, at least, Chang's speed may be of advantage, for his natural tendency to follow the attack right to the other end, may make recovery a hazardous business.

Except for the omission of Xavier, I like the look of the Hongkong attack. Although Lee Tai-fai is not yet back in the bewildering form he struck at the end of last season, he has at least shown flashes of it recently. Lee is a wingman with a terrific cannon-ball shot.

Eric Keen's maxim that goals will not come if you don't shoot holds good. Every member of the forward line should bear it in mind. Crack after crack at goal may crack the goal.

After last week-end's defeat of Kowloon Motor Buses, the path to the championship is now wide open to South China. A Fortunate situation is much more confused in the junior division of the local league.

A week ago Chinese Athletic were on top with South China one point behind in second place. KMB juniors, who had no engagement last week-end, were in the third position with 20 points from 12 matches.

JUNIOR RACE

Neither South China nor Chinese Athletic could force victories last week-end. At the moment the position favours KMB very strongly. The junior "Busmen" are now five points behind the leaders but with three matches in hand.

In their drawn game with Kitchee last Saturday, Chinese Athletic were often in trouble. Three times Kitchee took the lead. Three times they had to surrender it.

South China's juniors, after failing to beat the Club's second string a fortnight ago, faltered when confronted by the Police last Sunday. Victory would have put them on top of the table.

Another challenger for top position in junior football who posed a valuable point to slip out of their hands last weekend was the Army (HK). Their match with War Department Chinese, who are near the bottom of the table, seemed the very chance for collecting two points which would have

placed the soldiers very near the first three.

While the Army (HK) was fighting for a single point, the Army (Kowloon) was making rings round the Club. The Kowloon soldiers' 7-0 victory puts them no more than three points behind the league leaders with two games in hand and a better goal average.

PAGING FAST ACTION

Of more than ordinary interest to Hongkong football is the news (reported by the "Times") that at a meeting of the Football Association in London on Monday, January 10, the Football Association agreed to send an amateur team to Australia in the summer if a suitable

and practicable programme is submitted.

Most certainly the Australians will produce the required programme. Surely it is for consideration that the Hongkong F.A. should try to make arrangements for the English amateur footballers to come here. If a party of English amateur footballers were to come to Hongkong, to play matches against our local chosen, it would be a gain occasion indeed.

Speedy action would be required to tack a visit to Hongkong on to any itinerary arranged by the Australians, but it is not an impossibility that the necessary arrangements could be made. No one would doubt the drawing power at the gate of such a visit.

SOFTBALL CHATTER

International Series Semi-Finals On Monday

By "SPECTATOR"

On the stage of Chinese New Year Holiday softball fare the spotlight is beamed on this season's International Series. There is here plenty to serve the enthusiast. The best of local talent will be on view.

The semi-finals of the yearly International Competition are to be decided on Monday. At 10.30 a.m. Portugal meet China. Pakistan clash with Great Britain at 2.30 p.m. Both are to be played on the CBA ground, King's Park.

As if there isn't enough to satisfy, a full League card has been scheduled for the holidays. The heat is on in the Senior loop race. Madcaps were virtually knocked out of the ring by defeat last Sunday. Of the three left of the former Big Four, currently strongest contenders for the pennant, one more is to be pushed out of the way by the result of a game to be played on Sunday. The VRC or Canadians will be practically wiped out from the ranks of the hopefuls after the two clash.

It is understood that a postponement was sought of the vital VRC-Canadian tilt, because most of the players are to take part in next day's International. Tired players after this League season will not give of their best, it was argued. However, this needle game is to be played according to schedule, VRC having disagreed to a postponement. A red-hot struggle is anticipated. Here again is another big holiday attraction.

A.R. "Senior" Markar who has had the "good fortune" of having star players to be Manager of, and on record managed three India squads to International championship, is again entrusted with what looks like another champion squad, formidable and all-round strong, but under the banner of Pakistan.

Pakistan enters the competition for the first time. The players who brought India victory last season have migrated en masse to Pakistan. Senior has the able A. H. Bakur (Captain) and topnotcher B. M. Omar (Vice-Captain) to co-operate with toward steering the squad to another triumph and the first for Pakistan.

Advancement from the semi-finals is not unexpected, in spite of having as opposition a reckonable Great Britain battle unit under brainy Hal Winglee, in co-ordination with Coach Buster Hollands.

The well-balanced attack, plus near air-tight defence of Pakistan will be pitted against a hard-hitting British contingent, which does not appear to possess an age together sound defence. The edge appears to go to the Pakistan boys.

THE TEAMS

The following are the teams: Pakistan—A. H. Bakur, B. M. Omar, Sherry Bucks, Rahman, Samy, S. H. Khan, S. K. Khan, I. M. Omar, A. H. Abbas, A. K. Markar, A. A. Rumleh, A. J. Hussain, A. H. Ismail, Z. A. Abbas, H. Hussain and S. Hamet. (Coaches: Alfred R. Abbas and A. R. Razek).

Great Britain—Dave Leonard, S. Leonard, B. Abong, Ignar Erikson, Sid Hollands, Buster Hollands, Harold Winglee, Fred Hyndman, M. Pereira, Eric Guest and George Saunders.

Manager Charlie Buevireiro has the best players for some time to represent Portugal with the return of the Gosano brothers. The batting prowess of Eddie, Bertie, Gerry and Lino has not been surpassed by subsequent Portugal representatives since they gave the game the cold shoulder.

China, under Big Chief Dick Chung, is considered short of hitting strength and that will probably cause their downfall. However, the trickiness of the China boys may help bring a surprise, which, however, is not expected.

The two squads are comprised of: Portugal—E. L. B. G. and A. V. Gosano, Wilfred Lawrence, Arturo Orosio, Avichi Yvanovich, Arturo Orosio, Dickie Alves, Billy Soares, P. Pereira, Renny Sequeira,

Spikes Gutierrez, Charlie Quinn, Gussey Pereira, Gerry Roza-Pereira, and Joe Franco.

China—Lo Chung-sang, Herbie Quon, Bill Woo, Dick Chung, K. T. Leung, P. F. Choi, Yeung Kar-sing, Luke Bunn, P. C. Wong, C. K. Choy, J. Kwan and P. Lo.

Week-end Stars

Arturo Orosio, St. Joseph's—Last week, this second baseman, a big hand in his team's massing the Madcaps out of all championship hopes when they were shut-out (9-0)—a repeat of their first-round humiliation. The apparently strongest pennant-claiming Saints, under the capable management of popular Jindoo Hussain, blasted the unhappy Madcaps with 10 solid hits, which included a circuit clout by Dave Leonard, a triple by Jock Brown and a double by Stan Leonard. Arturo slashed out the best average of the engagement with three hits in four trips, followed closely by Stan Leonard's 500.

Robert Verlesay, Madcaps—Modest, serious Robert was his cool self as he put up a one-man retaliation against the mighty Saints while his side managed but four bingles off hurler Jock Brown, who was, as usual, backed by a million-dollar defence works. Licky, alias Robert, had his way in a way against tough opposition with two hits in four attempts. This third baseman's star shone again in cloudy Madcapville.

Ignar Erikson, VRC—The slugging Victorians banged at Doc Molthen's HKBC mercilessly to a 10-3 win, in the process of which Erikson hit top grade with three hits after four times at the platter, which included a double. Teammate Charlie Quinn tripled, while George Saunders and Alvaro Xavier doubled.

Gerry Roza-Pereira, VRC—Speedy "on land" as he is "in the sea"—Gerry is a champion swimmer—the sure-footed outfielder, laid full claim to a star perch by himself when he registered the only mighty 1,000 of the week's games. An outstanding performance by an all-round sportsman. Licky Luz stood out in the Ball Club's camp with a couple of safeties.

S. C. Wong and C. K. Choi, Chung Wai—Each struck a home to elbow out of the limelight his team's conquerors, the pennant-aspiring Canadians, though the latter won, but only by a one-run margin. Canuck batters were unusually off the picture. Popular Herbie Quon and six-footer A. H. Bakur, however, had a bit of it with a tracking double apiece. The Canucks show that day was unimpressive. They will have to do better to remain in the race. Much will depend on the outcome of their difficult obstacle in the VRC whom they meet this week.

And the latter are hot on the championship trail too.

Hilda Soares, Wahoon—Peppery Hilda led the show with a 500 average in sweet revenge for the champion Wahoons against the Canadians, by whom they were humiliated in their first-round clash. Dynamic Patsy Ribeiro slammed out a rousing triple to give Hilda a "night." The Canucks were out-h't by 8-6, but shaky fielding, which is their blatant weakness, led to their downfall.

Avantis Choy, Canucks—Reported to be a star from Shanghai, she played third for the first time for the Maple Leafers and dished out an all-round high-level performance. She hit twice safely, including a triple. Her fielding showed she knows how.

HONGKONG HOCKEY XI



Oscars For Boxers

By GEORGE WHITING

Oscars for boxers. After running an all-embracing eye over thousands of candidates in all parts of the world, our medal-minded American friends have decided that Freddie Mills, world cruiserweight champion, rates fourth in their annual "Fighter of the Year" list for 1948.

Freddie is preceded by two negroes and a Frenchman, all world champions. Lightweight like Williams, remembered here as the doleful young man who hammered Ronnie James at Cardiff two years ago, finished top of the poll. Middleweight Marcel Cerdan, gold-toothed idol of Paris, is named runner-up, and gets a special "Fight of the Year" award for his impetuous championship win over Tony Zale.

Third was Joe Louis—with a "Round of the Year" prize for his 11th round knock-out of Jersey Joe Walcott. "Surprise of the Year"—Sandy Saddler's featherweight title win over veteran Willie Pep.

Outside of Mills and flyweight champion Rinty Monaghan, British professionals are accorded only lowly positions in America's "world" awards. Bruce Woodcock is No. 13 heavyweight, Dick Turpin and Vince Hawkins rate 6th and 17th among the middleweights.

Other Britons in the "special" lists are Johnny Molloy (8) and Ron Draper (13) at featherweight; Jackie Patterson (3), Stan Rowan (9), Terry Allen (13), Teddy Gardner (15) at bantam, Dickie O'Sullivan (3), Charlie Squire (6), Jackie Bryce (11) and Norman Tennant (17) among the flyweights.

A WELCOME VISITOR

Lucien (Luc) van Dam, Dutch middleweight champion, a visitor to England this week, retains a lively interest in the amateur ranks from which he sprang. Luc hopes to drop in at York Hall, Bethnal Green, where Repton BC are boxing a hot team put up by Jack Peel, the Birkenhead schoolmaster.

Red carpets are not in order when professionals visit British amateur tournaments, but Van Dam has many friends among the Repton amateurs. When last he visited London, he called in at the club gym, striped, and spent a morning coaching several highly delighted youngsters. A few months later, when the Repton team visited Holland, they found Luc flapping a towel as a friendly rival in the opposite corner.

When Football Is Just Another Job

By STANLEY MATTHEWS

Most schoolboys have the ambition to become great footballers, with the glamour of playing for a famous team, being the idols of Soccer's millions, and winning an international cap or Cup medal. The prospect, thrill them—but they often forget that football is just another job.

They overlook the fact that a youngster has to serve an apprenticeship in football just as in any other trade.

It is only by hard work, a spot of genius, and a lot of luck that the grade-to-stardom is made.

I have often stressed this point, and I am glad to see the Football Association have now published a guide to a Soccer career.

Blind Contracts

This new booklet, "The Professional Footballer," sets out clearly the conditions of employment, clarifies players' agreements, and gives a very good idea of what it means to take up football.

Every young player should get hold of a copy. It tells what he can and cannot do once he has signed a registration form.

Did you know that a professional footballer can be an amateur cricketer or golfer, but not an amateur swimmer, boxer, gymnast, or athlete?

Did you know that all professional footballers contract to do everything necessary to get and keep themselves in the best possible condition to play efficiently and to play to the best of their ability?

These are two of the many points explained by the F.A. and should go a long way towards clearing up the many misconceptions of a football career.

Too many players enter blindly into contracts and live to regret them.

HOME SPORTFRONT

Curb On Speedway Transfer Deals

Firm steps to keep speedway clean and to cut out any jobbery in the transfer of star riders this season have been decided upon by the Control Board.

Every deal in the £1,000 class will be investigated, and a new rule will be made to check quick-change moves.

At the moment a rider receives 10 percent of his transfer fee after one season at a track, and a further 2½ percent for every succeeding season.

In future, if he moves within two years, he will get no percentage at all of his new transfer fee.

Record transfer fee so far is £2,000, paid by Wimbledon to Bradford for Alec Statham.

THROWER v. HITTER

D. H. Lyon, the Gloucestershire cricketer, and E. McLennan, playing captain of North Foreland Golf Club, Brondistair, will play a round of golf with Lyon throwing the ball from the tees and fairways, but taking a putter on the greens, and McLennan using his clubs in the ordinary way.

They will play on the short course with 18 holes varying from 40 to 140 yards.

Lyon's handicap is 4, McLennan's 5. Lyon is the challenger, thinks his throws will be more accurate than his opponent's club-hits shots. Other freak matches on record include golfer v. archer, with the archer nearly always winning, and golfer v. fisherman. The fisherman, when Tilly died.

FIRST FOAL AT 22

When a mare produces a foal at the ripe old age of 20 it is regarded in horse circles as a most unusual event.

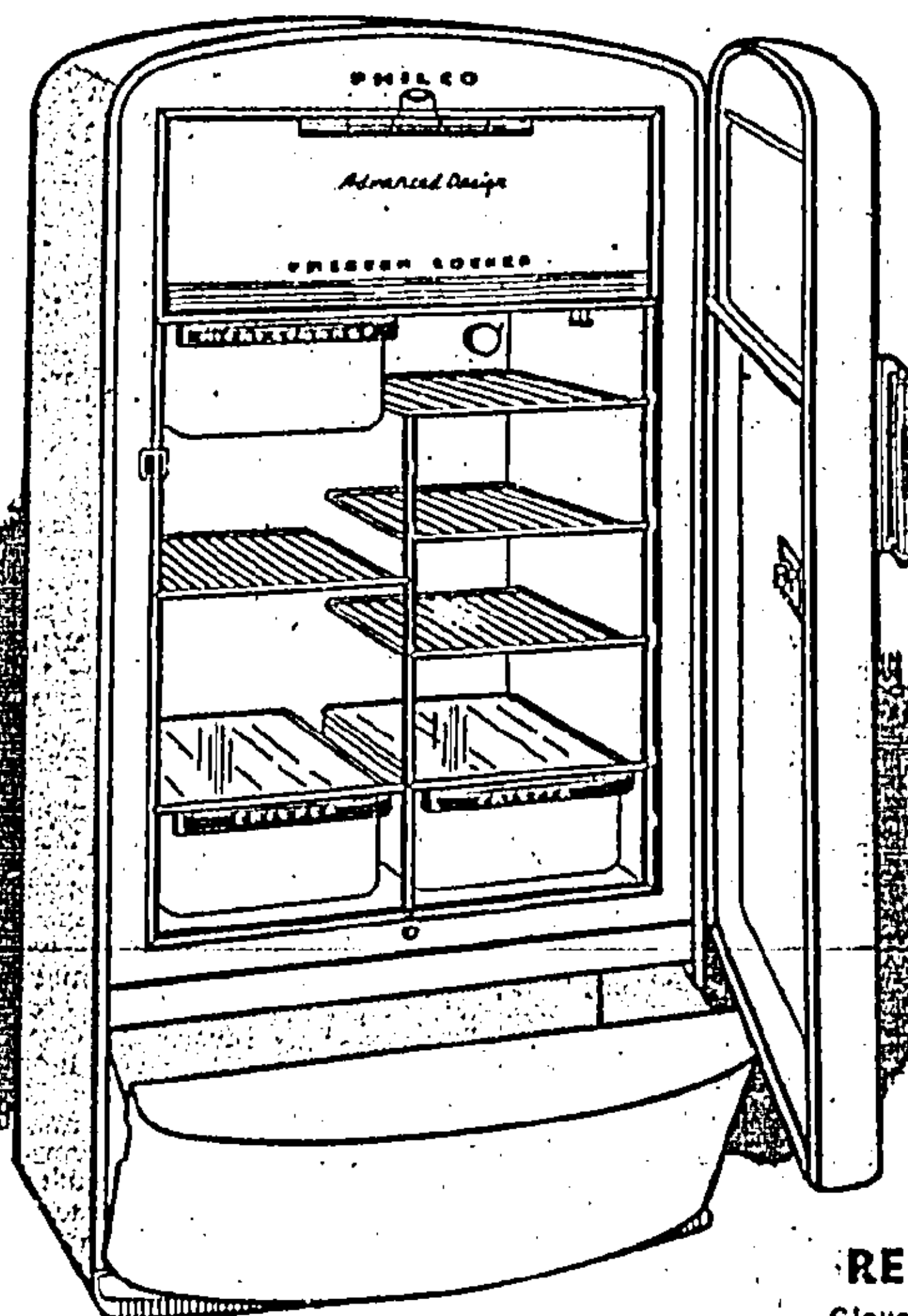
When one has her first at 22—after being hunted all her life—and follows it with two more at 23 and 24, it gives the owner justifiable cause to ask, is this a record?

Miss Sylvia Calmady-Hamlyn, of Buckfast, South Devon, puts the question to Horse and Hound concerning a mare she once owned named Peg.

But in the records there is the case of Tilly, a racehorse owned by Lady James Douglas. Tilly had her last foal in 1943 when she was 25. Equally extraordinary is the fact that up to 1943, for seven years running, she produced a foal every year by the great Gainsborough, who himself, was 27 when Tilly died.

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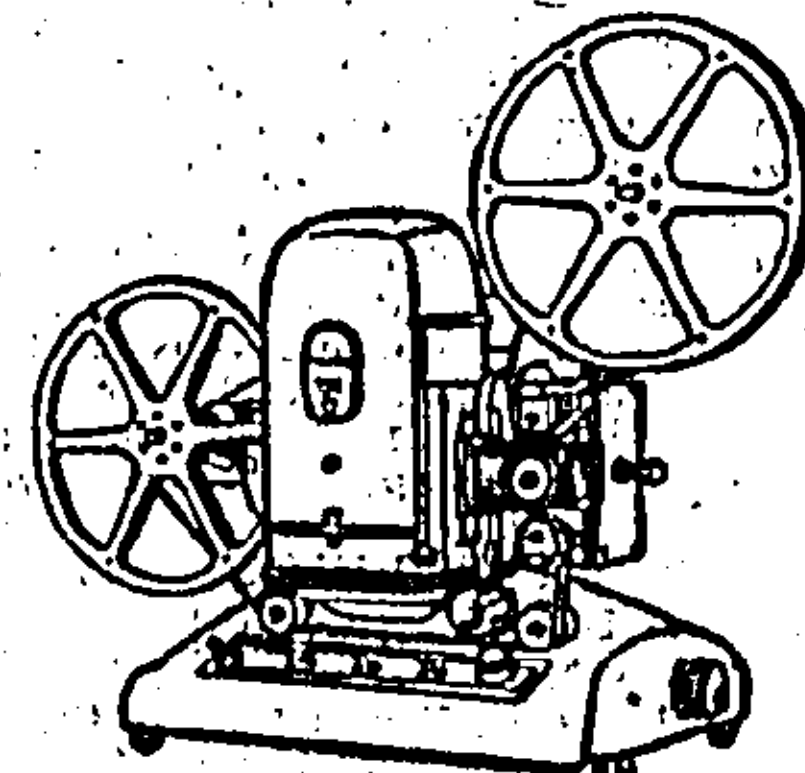
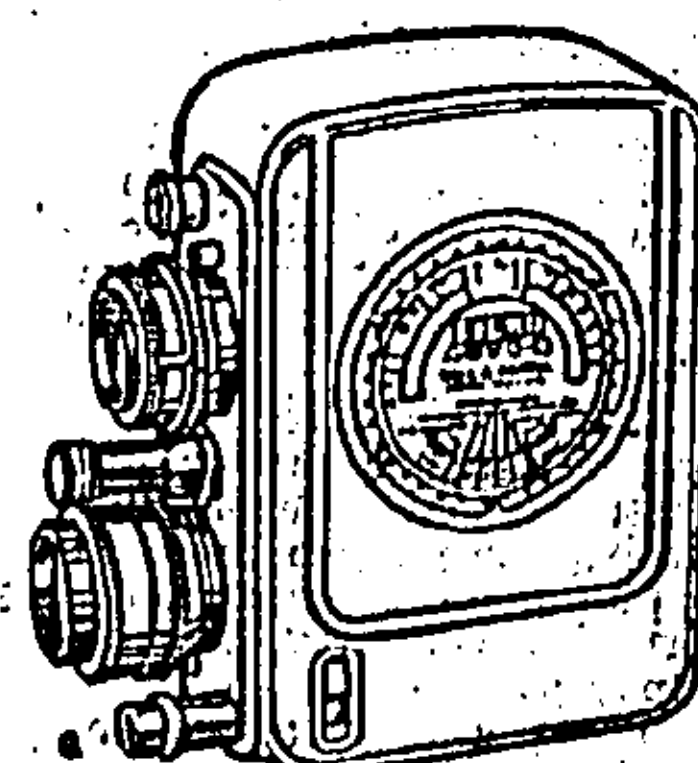
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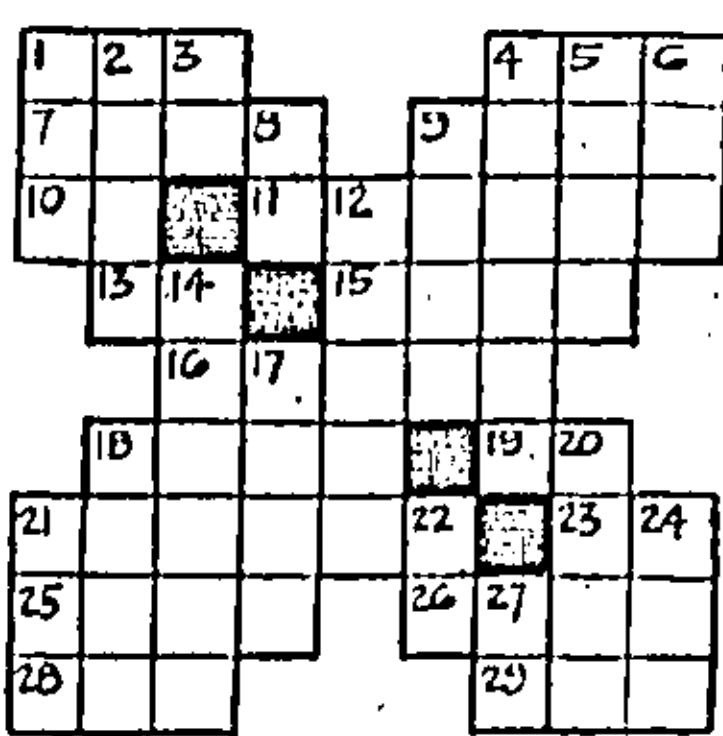
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2. Is a "rook" a recruit, a bird or a garden tool?
3. If the "tern" is a sea swallow, what is a teal?
4. Is the "hoopoe" a small hoop, an Indian wigwam or a bird?
5. Is an "Alewife" an English innkeeper's mate, a small fish or a sickly woman?

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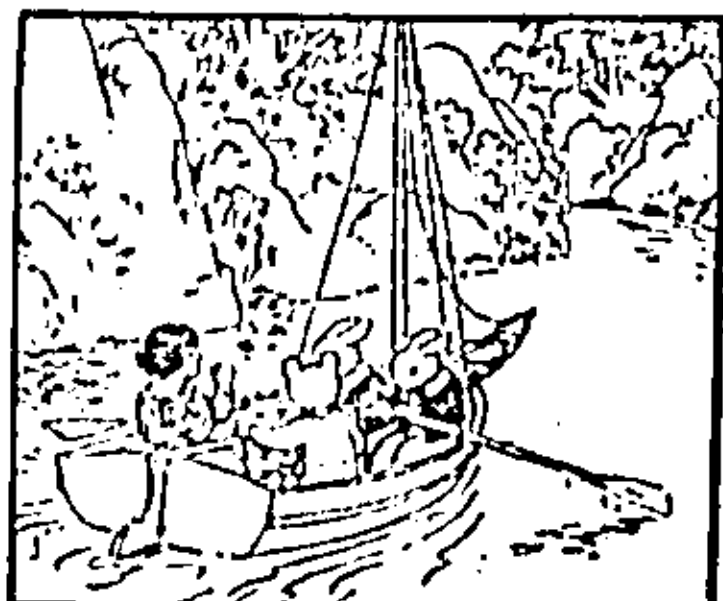
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- 9 Craze
- 10 Bargain event
- 11 Musical note
- 12 Fondle
- 13 Poker stake
- 14 Uncluttered
- 15 Footlike part
- 16 Individual

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- 2 Verbal
- 3 Pats illy
- 4 Regular
- 5 Mineral rocks
- 6 Boy's name
- 7 While
- 8 Hindu garment
- 9 Walking sticks
- 10 Slings
- 11 On the sheltered side
- 12 Rational
- 13 Prayer ending
- 14 Head covering
- 15 Thus
- 16 Compass point
- 17 Italian river

Rupert and Margot—53



For the journey back to Nutwood the young friends find that the wind is against them, but the stream is flowing in their direction, so the twins get out the oars and row steadily while Rupert steers, and Margot, who is very hungry, eats most of the sandwiches. "I wonder what the guest's daughter would think if she knew I'd been in her doll's house!" says Margot. "And I wonder what she looks like. I've never before heard of a part little girl." "It does sound odd," smiles Rupert.

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Bottled Up

By Fred Harman



The BOYS and GIRLS PAGE



CRAFTS

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The World Needs One Language

By WALTER KING

HOW would you like to listen all day to one man while keeping your eye on another who told him what to say? Well, that is exactly what goes on at the United Nations conferences where interpreters are the mouthpieces of the men who are trying to solve our postwar difficulties.

The big problem is the lack of a language everybody can understand at the same time. Esperanto was invented as a "universal language" but it was a failure because it added still another language to the hundreds already in existence.

No doubt you have heard of Basic English. It was suggested a few years ago as a means of solving the language tie-up. It is the bare skeleton of the English language, the 850 words used most. A person could learn it in less than a month, and the peoples of the world then would be able to converse freely—so it was claimed.

BUT the Basic English idea has been a flop, too. Other people were not anxious to let English, or any part of it, get the right of way over their own language. Other tongues spoken by millions of people—French, German, Spanish, and Italian—

were mentioned as other possible basic languages.

A witty French scholar has suggested that the problem of a world language should be solved by using simplified German for everyday business, because it slips out so easily; English for merry-making and sociability, because you can soar so high in English; French for politics and international relations, because it is such a musical and polite language; and Latin for funerals, because it is a dead language.

Of course, any abbreviated tongue could never replace the real language of a country. Behind any talk is a way of life and an exact way of expressing a thought. A real language is a carrier of culture. The best any "basic" language could do would be to carry understanding.

WHEN you try to cut down a language, such as English, to 850 words, while spelling and grammar vanish as school problems, meanings become very dim.

All preserves have to be called "jams," and that includes the marmalade. Also, many of our simpler words have more than one meaning. What, for example, is a "fly"? Is it an insect, or part of a fisherman's tackle?

Then we have words such as actress and authoress, but no doctress or teacheress. Why not? With the extension of women's work to almost all branches of our everyday life, except executioner, it is handy to know whether you have a he-teacher or a she-teacher, and whether the chief of the organization should be called president or presidentess.

"And please explain to me," the foreigner pleads, "what, in English, is the difference between a blackbird and a black bird, or between a lighthouse keeper and a light house-keeper?"

A GOOD many English slang expressions would have to go, too, if ever Basic English were used.

You can't call a man a "dumb bunny" when your dictionary contains only 850 words because basic words mean exactly what they say. In Basic English a "dumb bunny" is a



Do You Know How To Stand Properly?

TOO many people, attractive otherwise, look uninteresting because of bad posture. This is especially true of young people, both boys and girls, who have never taken the trouble to learn how to stand, walk and sit correctly.

Positions taken in these movements should make walking or sitting easier and more graceful and—more important, they will help keep your insides in the right positions and make you healthier.

Here are some simple rules for correct posture:

In standing, with the weight on both feet:

1. Lean forward from the ankles.
2. Carry the upper chest high and well forward.
3. Keep your neck bones back.

In standing, with the weight on one foot:

1. Keep the hips (pelvis) as nearly level as possible.
2. Stand "tall"; that is, look the world in the face and don't droop.
3. Your free foot—the one not bearing your weight—may be in any position, but it is best when placed behind the foot that bears your weight.

In walking:

1. Make your leg swing from the hip like a pendulum.
2. Keep your head well poised.
3. The upper chest should lead the way—not your head, your stomach, or knees.
4. Your body should move about a point in your chest—that is, the motion of your arms and legs should make that point the "hub."

In sitting:

1. Sit well back in your seat or chair.
2. Lean forward from the hip joints, with your back straight. Here also, the chest leads the way.



How To Get Stamps Off Envelopes

STAMP collections look best when the stamps look fresh and it is often hard to remove a stamp from an envelope so that it is not curled and wrinkled.

The best way, used by most advanced collectors, to remove stamps from covers is by means of damp blotters. The process is simple and there is small risk of damage to the stamp.

Take a piece of thick blotting paper and dampen it. Place it flat on a table and put the envelope on top of it. Place the envelope so that the reverse side faces the blotter. The stamp itself is not to come in contact with the blotter but is uppermost.

Cover the stamp with some light article free of dust or dirt, but of sufficient weight to hold the envelope in place while the moisture from the blotter dampens the envelope. This article prevents the stamp from curling at the edges and corners when the moisture reaches it.

After 15 to 20 minutes, remove the covering and the stamp will peel off easily. If the stamp does not peel freely, dampen the blotter and repeat the process. This process also prevents fading in certain foreign stamps which are not printed with waterproof ink.

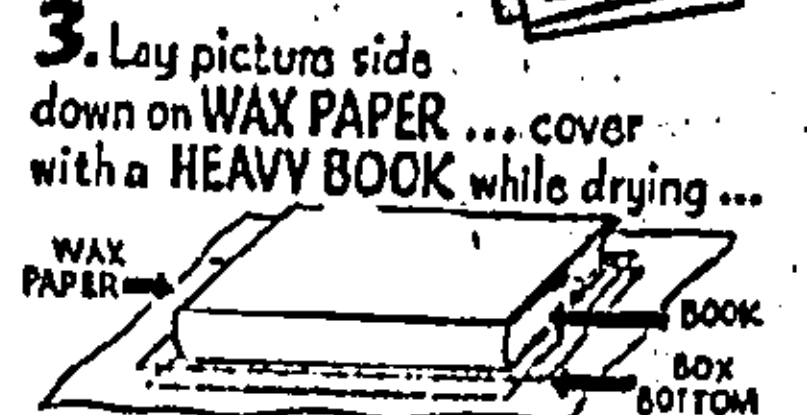
Soaking stamps in water will remove most stamps, but care should be taken.

—JULIA WOLFE

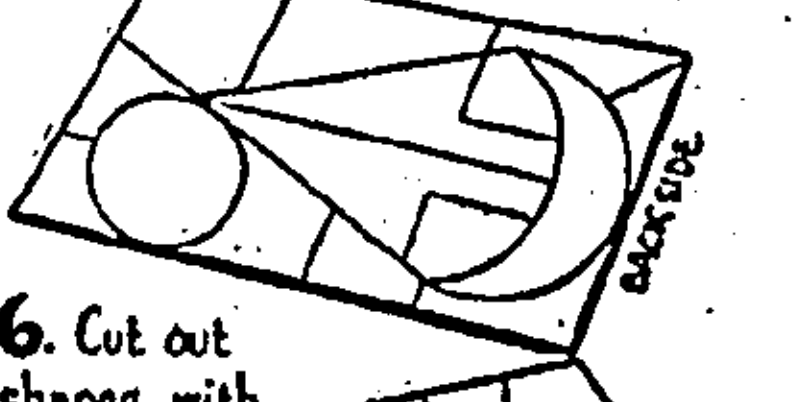
DO-IT By Dolo Goss

BIG PUZZLE

1. Split the corners of the bottom of a THIN CARDBOARD BOX (such as a stationary box) and flatten it.
2. Cut a PICTURE from a MAGAZINE, cover box bottom except sides with thin coat of GLUE... smooth on the picture.
3. Lay picture side down on WAX PAPER... cover with a HEAVY BOOK while drying...



4. When glue is dry, cut off sides.
5. Turn over on plain side—draw several large simple shapes... connect shapes with straight lines.



6. Cut out shapes with sharp SCISSORS.
7. Work puzzle in top of box.

AN INCH OF RAIN

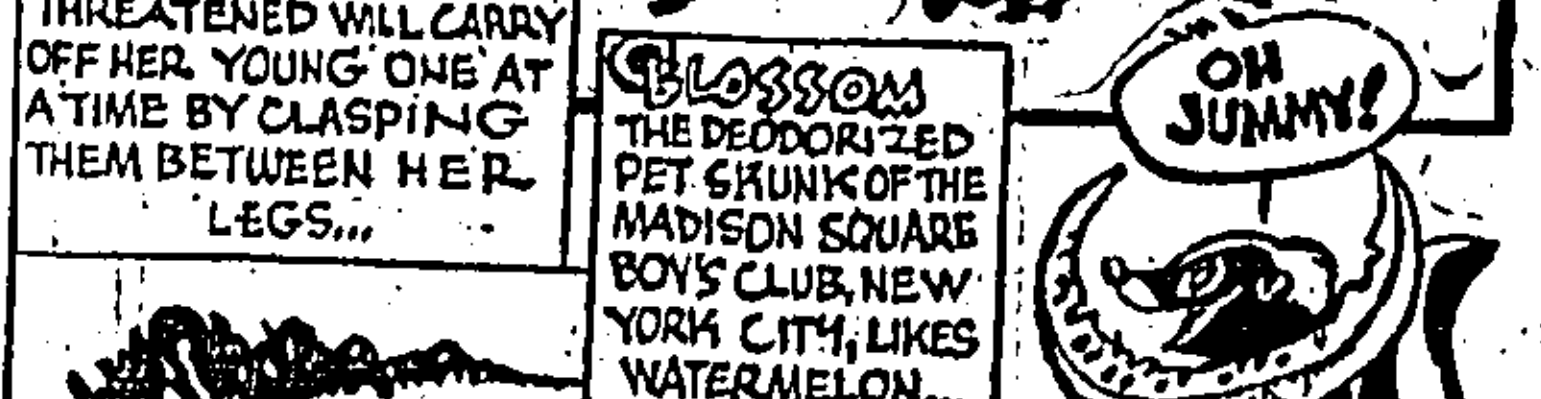
AN inch of rain is a pretty heavy shower if it falls in a short time, and a little calculating shows that it is even more water than a person thinks.

An inch of rain over one acre of ground is 6,272,640 cubic inches of water. This is 3630 cubic feet.

A cubic foot of water weighs 62.4 pounds, sometimes more and sometimes less depending on the purity of the water and the temperature. An inch of rain over an acre of ground would weigh 226,512 pounds or 113.25 tons.

It would take 603 barrels of 45 gallons each to hold all the water that fell on an acre in a 1-inch rain.

ZOO'S WHO



DAB and FLOUNDER — by Walter



FROM HERE AND THERE:

No Legs Or Daggers For The Africans

CAPE TOWN: Cinema posters and 'stills' showing women in scanty clothing and men holding guns or daggers will be censored in South Africa in future, and recently several posters of women in skirts above their knees have had frocks painted on them. Both American and British film advertising is affected. The idea is that Africans will not be inspired to become gunmen, and ordinarily they would not see white women with revealing clothes.

SLEUP IN MINKS

TORONTO: Mink coats, which would have cost £2,500 last year, are now selling at £1,000 because of a slump in the mink industry, announced W. H. Schaeffer, secretary of the Ontario Fur Breeders' Association. He explained that Canadians and Americans produced three million pelts last year, double the number in 1947, and the slump is heightened by the fact that Russian, Japanese and Chinese mink is now on sale, when European mink was bought from American because of the dollar shortage. Says Schaeffer: "We are practically giving coats away."

QUADS

MADRID: Four chicks have been hatched from a four-yolk egg in a farm near Agudo, in the province of Ciudad Real.

DOMESTIC HARMONY

SYDNEY: An American family at Wahroonga, near Sydney, count themselves lucky—they have a maid. All they had to do was to agree that the maid brought her baby with her. Now the lady of the house minds the maid's baby two nights a week while the maid goes out baby-sitting at 10s. a night.

BLIND BARGE-MASTER

AMSTERDAM: Joseph Conrad's story of the blind captain who went on sailing his ship because reality for a Rotterdam barge master. For two years he steered his boat through the Dutch canals, though blind. The loss of his sight meant dismissal and poverty. Therefore he hid his blindness and steered his ship with the eyes of his wife and 14-year-old son. Nobody discovered

it for he never got his boat into any trouble. But recently his nerve gave way, and he had to be taken to hospital, where his blindness was discovered. Another bargeman now steers his vessel.

MIXED GRILL

NEW YORK: A meal so big that the chef gave out orders through a public address system was served in this land of so much plenty recently. The occasion—the Governor's annual banquet at Tallahassee, capital of the playground State of Florida. The menu—21 whole cattle, 100 whole hogs, or 13 tons of meat. Lloyd Rhoden began his vast cooking operation at dawn. Forty convicts from a prison camp first dug forty pits and then lit a bonfire in each of them. All day long they chopped wood from a nearby forest to build up their fires. At nightfall Rhoden decided he had enough embers to begin his "barbecue." The meat was thrown on in great chunks. "The secret was to cook 'em slow," said Chef Rhoden. "It took a good twenty hours to do them to a turn. Not like scrambling eggs, you know." The guests formed 48 queues to get their portions.

BATH-TUB FROLICS

CAPE TOWN: When a townsman of the Cape city of De Aar played a joke on his wife by stepping into the bath behind her and turning on the cold shower, the wife fainted, struck her head on the wall and collapsed on her joker husband. Imprisoned in the narrow bath under pounds of substantial womanhood, the husband was drowning when his wife recovered consciousness and gave him artificial respiration.

Here's a warning to grass widows

ARABESQUE. By Geoffrey Household. Chatto and Windus. 10s. 6d. 244 pages.

THE lesson of Mr Household's Middle East novel is plain enough: If you are a woman, don't get mixed up in international politics. Above all, don't become a spy.

It did Armande no good at all. When we met her first she dwells in Beirut. She is Anglo-French, a grass widow, and idle. She is also a lady in the stricter sense of the word.

"Kensington," says Sergeant Prayle, of the Field Security Police, as soon as he sets eyes on her. He is not the only security officer to brood speculatively over Armande's past, present and future. War is war.

When Armande is asked by David Nachmias, a Zionist in British service to wheedle some hidden machine-guns out of a Christian sheikh, she supposes that the guns will fall into British hands.

Nobody is more desolated than she when the Zionists get them instead. Nobody more shocked when Nachmias, with expressions of warm good will, betrays her and the British authorities put her on a very black list.

It is so black, indeed, that Armande is driven to take a job as a cabaret dancer in Cairo. One cannot think that she was much of a draw. Fatima must surely make a bigger appeal to the artistic public. There is not much Kensington about Fatima.

WHEN Rommel threatens Cairo, Armande's luck turns. GHQ burns its papers. The richer Egyptians decide to

explore Kenya. The more speculative brush up their German. And Armande is recruited as a British spy, in readiness for the arrival of the conquerors.

Fortunately, there is no occasion to test her fascinations on the Gestapo.

Meanwhile, the laconic Sergeant Prayle becomes a captain. His attitude to Armande simultaneously changes, from the humorous to the romantic. Such is the magic of the King's commission.

Arabesque is a glossy piece of work, uneasily poised between novel and

by George
Malcolm
THOMSON

thriller. The Middle East scenes are vivid, first-hand. Insight into the trickier varieties of local politics is obviously based on experience. The soldier-types are well-drawn. Not so poor Armande.

CIANO'S DIPLOMATIC PAPERS. Edited by Malcolm Muggeridge. Odhams. 17s. 6d. 512 pages.

THE most interesting character in these documents of Mussolini's son-in-law never emerges from the shadows. He remains without a name.

He was the confidential agent passing between Chamberlain, British Prime Minister, and Grandi, Italian Ambassador, at a time of diplomatic conflict between the two countries.

This intermediary helped to engineer the extraordinary meeting between Grandi, Chamberlain and Eden at Downing Street, which Grandi describes:

"Chamberlain and Eden were not a Prime Minister and a Foreign Secretary discussing with the ambassador of a foreign Power a delicate situation. They were two enemies confronting each other like two cocks in true fighting posture."

Least there should be misunderstanding Chamberlain sent his agent to see Grandi next morning. In a text-book, in a London street, Mussolini's ambassador heard from this anonymous individual how pleased the Prime Minister was with the ally he had found against his own Foreign Secretary.

A fantastic episode.

Earlier there was an occasion in which a top-secret dossier on the German menace, circulated by Eden to the Cabinet, found its way to Grandi. The Italians made good use of it with Hitler.

Although these papers lack the scandalous interest of Ciano's Diary, they abound in picturesque touches. If he had not been a bad Foreign Minister, Ciano might have been a good journalist. Thus, in Spain, just after the civil war, he notes that Franco is repairing the churches while leaving the railways in ruins.

THE PHASIAN BIRD. By Henry Williamson. Faber and Faber. 10s. 6d. 341 pages.

MR WILLIAMSON, as most people know, brings to the nature novel a rich vocabulary and a fine imagination. In The Phasian Bird, his birds and animals are, in fact, more interesting than his humans.

The life, struggles and death of the Phasian Bird (a superb hybrid pheasant) enthralled the reader and became for Wilbo, a politically muddled farmer, a symbol of hope which he carries with him when he is imprisoned during the war as a suspected enemy of his country.

LIBRARY LIST

THE NETWORK. By Evan John. Heinemann. 7s. 6d. 105 pages. This novel is based very closely upon book evidence disclosed in the Ottawa spy trial. Names are changed, scenes are moved to London. I can detect no other improvement.

THE CONSPIRATOR. By Humphrey Slater. John Lehmann. 8s. 6d. 168 pages. When Harriet marries her Quaker, mother she does not know that he is a secret agent of the Kremlin. It is a most surprising, as unpleasant, to Harriet as her existence is to the Kremlin.

THE TRIAL OF JESUS CHRIST. By Frank J. Powell. Pateron Press. 6s. 160 pages. A trained lawyer and a brilliant magistrate looks at the evidence in history's greatest trial. The outcome is a book giving a startling effect of actuality.

EAST RIVER. By Sholem Asch. Macdonald. 12s. 6d. 480 pages. A long, strong, convincing story of a Jewish family, their religious, moral and family problems. The Jewishness is caught up in a conflict between spiritual life and material success.

★ Americans have paid £1,500,000 to read KINSEY'S Report on the Human Male.

★ Here is CHARLES WINTOUR'S Report on Kinsey. He says: This book is bogus.

BE YOUR AGE, DOC!

PUBLISHING sensation of 1948 in America was the Kinsey Report, Dr Alfred C. Kinsey's monumental 800-page study of Sexual Behaviour in the Human Male. Nearly a quarter of a million copies have already been sold of the original work, which retails at \$6½ a copy. Well over a million copies of cheap, popular versions of the Report have also been sold. That is to say, Americans have paid out roughly £1,500,000 for the privilege of learning what the Report has to tell them. They wasted their money.

Indiana Calling

NOW that the Report is published in Britain (W. B. Saunders, 32s. 6d.) the British public can judge it for themselves. They will be astonished that this work was ever taken seriously by anyone. Kinsey has not written a pornographic book. Indeed his aim is most laudable: to accumulate an objective determined body of fact about sex. But how does he set about this task?

America is a big country: 150 million people live there. But Kinsey has produced this report which purports to tell us all about the Human Male (without regard, be it noted, to his country, let alone his state) on the basis of interviews which he has carried out very largely in Indiana, where he is Professor of Zoology at the State University.

On page 8 of his Report there is a little map which shows the sources of his histories. The State of Indiana is packed solid with dots, each of which represents 50 cases. With great difficulty I have counted 90 dots there, which represent 4,500 cases out of the 12,000 recorded by Dr Kinsey.

But Indiana has a population of only 3,500,000 or roughly two per cent. of the American population. California, on the other hand, with a population of roughly 7,000,000, or double that of Indiana, has only supplied 400 cases.

In fact, the great Kinsey Report is primarily a study not of the Human Male, but of the Indiana Male, but of the Indiana Male and perhaps, more accurately still, of the Bloomington male, since Bloomington is where Indiana University is located.

This Is Jargon

NOT all the statistical jargon employed by Kinsey can conceal this basic flaw in his approach. Admittedly he employs a higher

brand of jargon than any I have met before. Here is a sample: "In general the medians are closer than the means. Since the value of means are affected by a few high-rating individuals, as the values of medians are not, this greater constancy of the medians indicates that the frequencies of persons with unusually high rates of outlet vary in successive samples, while the frequencies of the individuals in the mass of the population do not vary so much."

How did Kinsey get all the material for all this? There is a section in the book called Establishing Rapport, which describes how Kinsey managed to win friends among the American people.

"Something more than cold objectivity is needed," he says, "in dealing with human subjects."

"The aymathetic interviewer records his reactions in ways that may not involve spoken words but which are, nonetheless, readily comprehended by most people. A minute tensing of a muscle, the flick of an eye, a trace of a change in one's voice, betray the interviewer's emotions. Unlettered persons and persons of mentally lower levels are often particularly keen in sensing the true nature of another person's reactions."

Elsewhere Kinsey says that it is important to look the subject squarely in the eye, and also to ask questions as rapidly as the subject can possibly comprehend and reply.

Does He Kiss?

THE full bloom of the Kinsey interview is reached when he questions children under eight about their sexual activities (a pursuit which to some parents will seem a somewhat unwelcome task). Kinsey recommends a "tussle" as leading naturally to questions whether the boy similarly tussles with other boys in the neighbourhood, and whether he kisses girls.

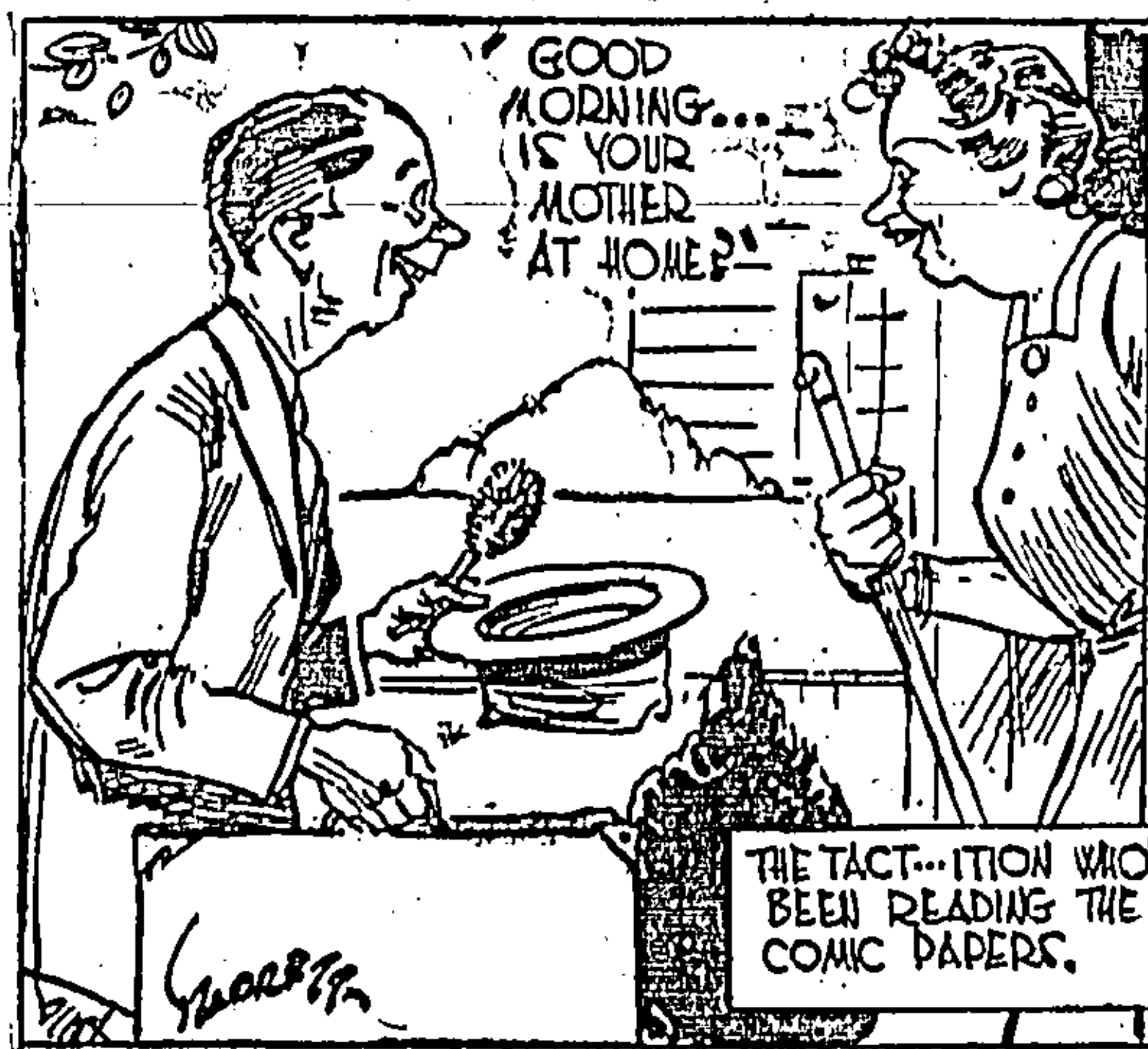
The vision of Dr Kinsey tussling with a seven-year-old boy, while simultaneously looking at him straight in the eye, firing a rapid series of questions at him about his girl friends and not forgetting those minute changes of facial expression—the flick of an eye and a trace of change in his voice—which would establish rapport particularly quickly with an "unlettered person"—this is so manifestly absurd that I conclude that not only is Dr Kinsey entirely humourless, but he does not know much about human beings.

This report, says one American reviewer, has done for sex what Columbus did for geography. Well, it is the duty of the Old World to check the exuberance of the New. My report on the Kinsey Report is that it reaches a new altitude in the bogus.

VIGNETTES OF LIFE

"Tact"

By KEMP STARRETT



"Neutral" Countries Urged To Join North Atlantic Pact

Washington, Jan. 27.—Republican Senator William Knowland today urged Norway, Denmark and Sweden to join the North Atlantic anti-aggression pact or risk the loss of all American military and economic aid.

Senator Knowland, who is a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, opened the Congressional debate on the proposed pact in a Senate speech. The treaty is not completed yet and will not be ready for Senate ratification for about a month.

The Senator served blunt warning on the Scandinavian countries that there would be "no neutrality" if Russia invaded Western Germany and Western Europe.

Meanwhile, diplomatic sources said the door was still wide open for the Scandinavian countries, Italy, Ireland, Iceland and Portugal to join in the pact.

Senator Knowland said the United States could not greet the pact "with enthusiasm" when nations closer to the seat of "potential aggression" sought to remain aloof.

"If Soviet Russia moves to invade Western Germany and Western Europe, other members of the United Nations must immediately act in their common defense or the whole collective security idea will perish then and there. If the United States and Western world should be defeated by Soviet Russia, do the Scandinavian countries think they could remain as a free island in a world totalitarian sea?"

The pact is being negotiated by conference from the United States, Canada, Britain, France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Holland.

The importance attached to the treaty by the United States Government was underlined yesterday by the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, who declared that peace and security could be maintained only by the United States joining with other nations to make clear in advance that any attack "would be met with overwhelming force."

Mr. Acheson's support for the first peace-time defense bridge between Western Europe and the United States was applauded by key members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. The group will be asked to recommend ratification of the pact when it is presented to the Senate in about a month.

Under the present form of the pact, it was learned authoritatively, the United States agrees with the other nations that an attack on any signatory member should be considered an attack against all.

However, ratification by the United States would not be undertaken until Congress had declared war on the Soviet Union. Diplomatic sources said this provision was agreeable to the Europeans and Canada and that all major points of the treaty had been settled.

The next few weeks will be spent in the final drafting and waiting to see whether the pact can be expanded to 12 nations, the sources said.

They said that the United States did not intend to limit itself for 20 years with the European nations, who signed the French pact of that duration. An authoritative informant said the present draft provided for "less than 20 years" with provision for renewal if necessary. United Press.

Australian Tennis Championships

Adelaide, Jan. 27.—Mrs. Nancy Wynne Bolton, the holder, will defend her women's singles title against Miss Doris Hart, the United States Wimbledon Cup player, in the final of the Australian Lawn Tennis Championships.

In the semi-final, played here today, Mrs. Bolton beat Mrs. M. Long by 6-4 and 6-2, while Miss Hart defeated Mrs. R. Tucker by 6-2 and 6-1.

The men's doubles final will be between John Bromwich and Adrian Quist, the holders, and Geoff Brown and Bill Sidwell. Bromwich and Quist beat Jack Crawford and Harry Hopman, who played for Australia in the 1929 Davis Cup, by 3-6, 6-2, 6-2 and 6-1. In the semi-finals Brown and Sidwell beat Colin Long and Frank Sedgman by 8-10, 6-2, 9-7 and 6-1.—Reuter.

HOLIDAY SPORT

TOMORROW

Cricket—First Division League: Rectory v. Army at King's Park; IRC v. Royal Navy at Sookunpo; RCC v. University at King's Park.

Second Division League: Army v. Rectory at Sookunpo.

Football—Interport Match: Saigon v. Hongkong at Caroline Hill, 3.30 p.m.

Hockey—European YMCA v. Pakistan at King's Park, 10 a.m.

Rugger—Club v. Rest of the Colony at Sookunpo, 4.15 p.m.

SUNDAY

Cricket—King George V School v. Rectory 2nd XI.

Football—Saigon v. Combined Chinese at Caroline Hill, 3.30 p.m.

Softball—At Rectory Ground: Vikings v. Wildfires, 9 a.m.; Canadian v. VRC, 10.30 a.m.; Mohawks v. Blackhaws, noon; Filipinos v. St. Joseph's, 2 p.m.

At CNA Ground: Madags v. HKUC, noon; Overseas Chinese v. Chung Hwa, 3 p.m.; Americans v. Khinso, 3.30 p.m.

INDIA v. W. INDIES

TEST MATCH

Madras, Jan. 27.—An opening partnership of 239, which was the highest of the tour, laid the foundation of a big score for West Indies today on the first day of the fourth Test match against India here.

At the close of play, West Indies were 315 for the loss of one wicket. A. Rae scored his second century in Test cricket. His first was also against India—at Bombay in the second Test of the present series. His 109 included three sixes and five fours. J. Stollmeyer, who was unbeaten when play ended with 157 registered his first ever Test century.

Both batsmen reached three figures before tea.

Battling with added confidence after an unbeaten double century in his last match, Stollmeyer played a characteristically painstaking innings—a policy not conducive to winning matches once a good foundation has been laid.

The failure of India's carefully packed attack indicated that the match may result the same way as the others, which had ended in tameless draws after five days.

SCORED AT WILL

The West Indies' batsmen practically scored at will and gave the impression that the pitch was going to play true, which would mean that only outstanding performances by the West Indies pace attack in Tim and Jones would bring a definite result.

Drinker impressed in India's attack, especially after tea, when Walcott was in an aggressive mood. His persistence and accuracy did much to prevent the West Indies batsmen from scoring at a much faster rate.

The fast bowler kept pegging away at the leg stumps and Walcott had to employ the hook stroke time and time again to get his runs.

India's fielding was not seen at its best. At least four possible catches were missed, either on a slowness of movement, or lack of anticipation.—Reuter.

Top Weights For Grand National

London, Jan. 27.—The Irish condition, Cottage Lake, and the French champion, Rideo, share top weight for the Grand National Steeplechase to be run at Aintree, Liverpool, on March 26, the weights for which were announced today.

Cottage Lake, a 12 stone five pounds, last year's winner, Sheila's Cottage, is not entered by the runner-up, First of the Dandies, is allotted 10 stone and 12 pounds, and last year's third, Cromwell, 11 stone and 3 pounds.

Of the 91 entries, 29 are grouped together with the bottom weight of ten stone.—Reuter.

Chang Prepares For Freedom

Nanking, January 27.—Central News today reported that the "Young Marshal," Chang Hsueh-shan, is preparing for return to freedom after 10 years of captivity. Chang was informed of Acting President Li Tsung-jen's order for his release on January 25.

The official Agency said that Chang would first proceed to Taipei, Taiwan provincial capital, from where he will be flown to Nanking on a special plane.

President Li Tsung-jen's order for the release of General Yang Fuchang, was turned over to the Chungking Pacification Headquarters for implementation by Mayor Yang Shen. General Yang will also be flown to Nanking by a special plane.—United Press.

Royall Warns Of War Possibility

Washington, Jan. 27.—The United States Secretary of the Army, Mr. Kenneth Royall, told the House of Representatives Armed Services Committee today that while war was not imminent it was "at least a possibility."

"There appears little likelihood that for a number of years to come we will be free of an international situation fraught with danger and subject to marked fluctuations," he declared.

Under these circumstances, the United States military establishment must be adequate.

The Committee is holding hearings on legislation to allow the Air Force to be increased.—Reuter.



Prince Aly's Divorce

Paris, Jan. 27.—Prince Aly Khan's application for divorce from his British-born wife, formerly the Hon. Mrs. L. Guinness, will have its first formal consideration in Chambers by the President of the Seine Tribunal in about a month's time, it was learned here today.

The formalities were begun nearly a year ago, according to the Prince, who told reporters recently: "I am going to marry Rita Hayworth as soon as I am free."

As required by French law, the Court President, M. Rousselet, will first attempt to reconcile the couple.

The months' delay was to inquire into the customs, laws and religion in the husband's "country of origin," according to a legal spokesman.—Reuter.

SCAP Moves To Stamp Out Slavery

Tokyo, Jan. 27.—A senior official in General Douglas MacArthur's Headquarters today announced an all-out drive against child slavery, and warned that this age-old Japanese practice will no longer be tolerated.

He revealed that the Japanese Government had been ordered by General MacArthur to launch a nationwide survey to determine how extensively the traffic in human beings is actually being conducted. The disclosure came on the heels of press reports that more than 100 children had been sold recently in some communities in Honshu, and were being subjected to forced labour on farms.

Though legislation under the new Japanese constitution explicitly bans all forms of human trading and compulsory prostitution, there have been scattered reports of such instances in various parts of Japan.

General MacArthur's public welfare chief, Brigadier-General Crawford F. Sans, said the first stage of the nationwide drive—under SCAP supervision—would determine "exactly how many illegally housed children there are and where they are located." He said where child slavery conditions are found to exist steps will be taken to remove the victims speedily to "a certified foster home or public or private institution."—United Press.



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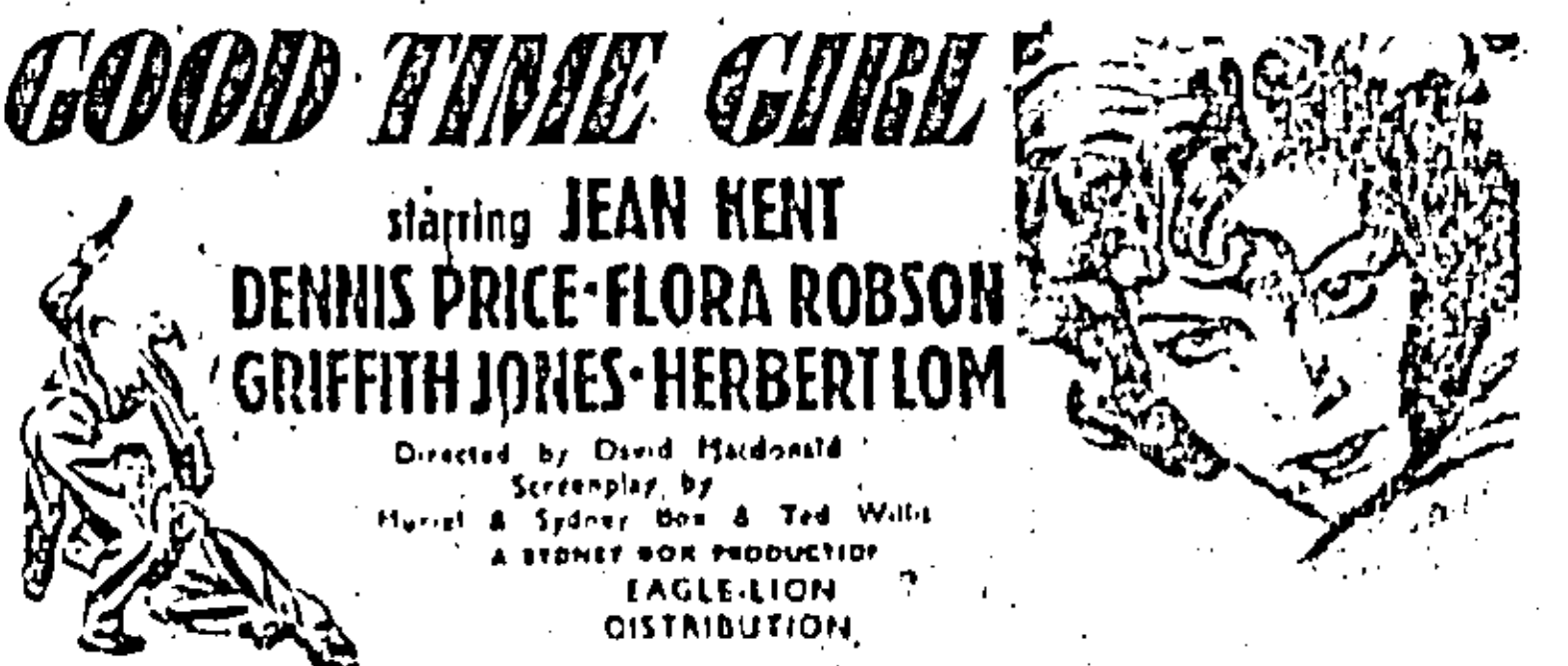
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US Action In Japan Criticised

Washington, Jan. 27.—The Soviet Ambassador, Mr. Alexander S. Panyushkin, today accused the United States of bypassing the 11-nation Far Eastern Commission in ordering new measures for building up the Japanese economy.

Mr. Panyushkin declared that recovery measures were "in direct contradiction" to the policies of the Commission, the chief Allied governing group for Japan.

He called upon the Commission to "order its own decisions" on ways to assist Japan's recovery.

Mr. Panyushkin made his accusation in a statement submitted to the Commission at its weekly closed door meeting. He published the statement later.

The new American measures, aimed at stabilising the Japanese economy, were issued last month as directives to General Douglas MacArthur, the Supreme Allied Commander in Japan.

The order was later submitted to the Commission. Mr. Panyushkin called this procedure "inadmissible" because he said it made "fundamental changes" in the occupation, and any such action requires advance agreement from the Commission, he added.

The Russian Ambassador coupled his complaint on this point with another in a long series of criticisms of the manner in which the United States was carrying out the Japanese occupation.

Mr. Panyushkin said the Allied basic post-surrender policy called for the strengthening of democratic forces. But last month's directive continued "not one word about the strengthening of democratic forces in Japan," he declared.

He contended that the latest stabilisation measures were in conflict with the Commission's decisions on the economic demilitarisation and reduction of Japanese industries and war potential and the resumption of peaceful economic activity and other policies.—Reuter.

CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

Solution of yesterday's puzzle: Across: 1, Catamaran; 4, USA; 10, Mobile; 11, Strong bow; 13, Tom; 14, Kobe; 15, Waterloo; 18, Derry; 19, Yen; 20, Impedance; 21, Area; 25, Soes; 26, Northwest; Down: 1, Custodian; 2, Tarn; 3, Anna; 4, Montevideo; 5, Ribble; 6, Alce; 7, New Forest; 8, Shaw; 12, Gory; 16, Treat; 17, Once; 21, Part; 22, Don; 23, Nea.

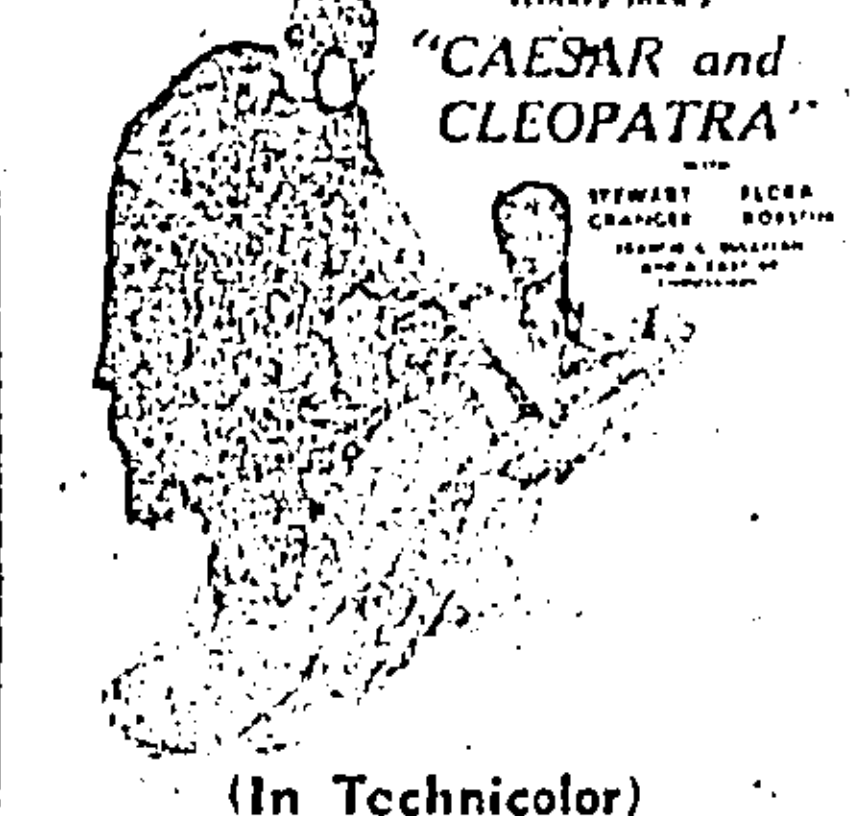
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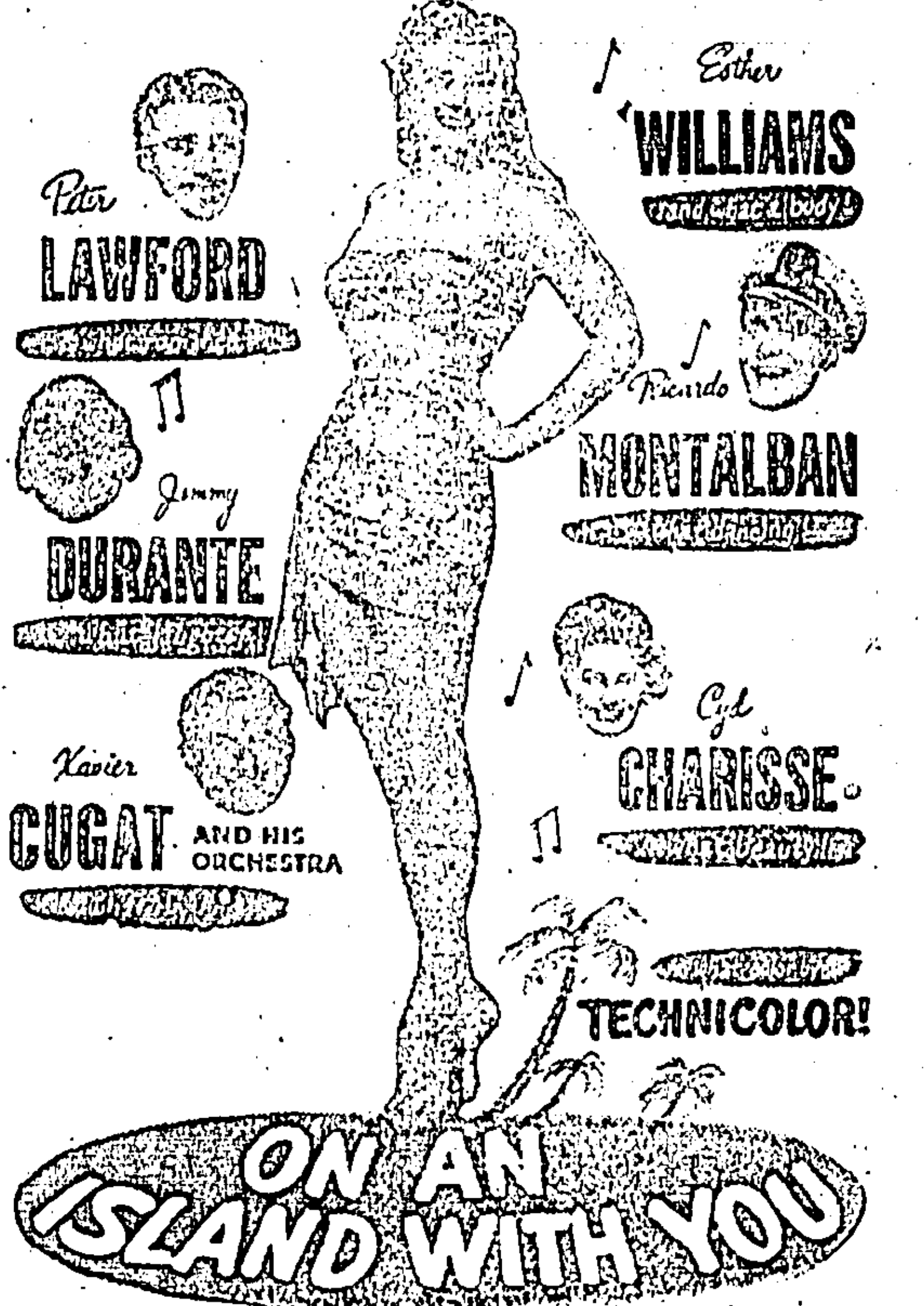
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